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# AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

## THE NEGRO AS A CITIZEN—OUR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS

### Should Inculcate the Doctrine of Higher Morals—We Must Show to the World our Talents—How to Solve the Race Problem.

[An address delivered in Plymouth Congregational church, Washington, D. C., Jan. 1896, by Frank J. Webb, A. M., M. D.]

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Following the promptings of a soul full of race love and patriotic devotion, I come here this evening, the anniversary of your society's birth, to talk with you on American citizenship. Some of us soar the Nation's horizon with hearts laden with past injustice, some with eyes dimmed by humiliating disappointments. Whittier's Port Royal boat war song:

"We pray de Lord, He gib us signs,
  Dat some day we be free;
De norf wind tell it in de pines,
  De wild duck to de sea.
We tink it when de church bell ring,
  We dream it in de dream;
De rice bird wear it when he sings,
  De eagle when he scream."

He heard his freedom echo through forest and field, o'er land and sea come the glad tidings of his physical emancipation. But to-day amid the dark swamps and gloomy woodland of the Delta, thousands of our fellow countrymen are politically enslaved. They long for political freedom, and cry in anguish for the time when they can be American citizens indeed.

Our brethren chant the beautiful lines of our beloved Whittier just as earnestly for their political emancipation as the Port Royal boatman did for his physical freedom. That is the problem confronting the Nation; that is the overshadowing, overpowering question towering above all others to-day, just as the question of slavery did in 1860. He who solves this problem shall have said of him as that matchless Charles Phillips said of J. P. Carron, "When thrones are crumbled and dynasties forgotten, he will stand the landwork of his country's genius, rearing himself amid regal ruins and national desolution; in whose shade things may moulder, but around whose summit sternity shall play."

Let us pause a moment here and investigate from whence we came and the purpose for which our forefathers were stolen from Africa's sunny clime. Before us our European forefathers planted upon these colonies the worst form of tyrannical and despotic vassalism. Foreign criminals of the white race were bound and sold as slaves for life. That was the commencement. As soon as the supply of white criminal slaves could not meet the gaining demands of labor, pirates commenced their terrific traffic in Negro slaves by making defenceless Africa a field wherein they could obtain the needed supply.

Dear friends it is needless for me to picture its inhumanity, shocking cruelty and hellish barbarity—to many it is recalled by a vividness which only death can obliterate. Full well do some of us recollect how selfish masters taught us the baser instincts of animal life as the only safe guard against insurrection. All of us here assembled know that the text-book of Negro slavery was to keep down proper race pride and to inculcate the doctrine of deep and utter ignorance—also non-confidence in and non-reliance on each other.

Then it was a crime to teach Negroes to read—it was a criminal offence to turn his face to the sunlight of God's gospel—"Servants obey your masters" was the universal camp meeting text when black people were allowed to attend devine services. In the midst of such circumstances, such degredation and barbarity there were found millions to uphold the system and thousands to die in its defence. To many within the sound of my voice those dark days will never be forgotten—those wrongs will never be forgiven. Oft have I heard it said that "niggers were happier then than they are now," that their voices often resounded amid the forest's gloomy silence, but to those let me say that

"We laugh when our souls are the saddest,
  We shroud all our griefs in a smile;
Our voices may warble their gladdest,
  And our souls mourn in anguish the while."

Many of us know that these United States once belonged to England and nearly all of us know that Washington with his sword fulfilled the maxims of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence, and our country then was free. To obtain that freedom our race is numbered among the noble slain.

Chrispus Attucks fell leading the patriots on Massachusetts classic shores and what Peter Salem did on that mecca of patriotic America—Bunker Hill—will live as long as this republic is free. North, as well as South, the black man fought with Washington for freedom, and fought everywhere as only heros and patriots can fight. With each noble examples 'tis no wonder that bell on Independence hall, at Philadelphia, cracked and its clear and joyous peal was hushed forever when it rung in the lie that all men are created equal and endowed with the enalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—for then three millions of our race were held in galling slavery, and the freedom for which many fought and died proved only a sham, a snare and a delusion. For nearly a century the black people of this fair and glorious land experienced all the curses of hell, unaided, trampled upon, having no respected rights, and with only here and there a Wm. Loyd Garrison, an Elijah Lovejoy, a Charles Sumner, or a Wendel Phillips to protest on God Almighty's name against the eniquity of human slavery. We fought for the freedom of our masters while our own manacles were rivited the harder.

Our Creator, in answer to the prayer of a Stowe and Douglass caused Abraham Lincoln to startle the world with his Emancipation Proclamation, setting free four million human beings, untutored, ignorant and degraded; giving to them, soon afterward, all the privileges for which an Attucks had fought and died, and which should have been theirs for a century before.

It is upon this citizenship we are to talk but, situated as we are, circumstances all considered, we are in the delimma of the maid who, bidden to learn to swim, was yet adjured. "Nay go my darling daughter, hang your clothes on the hickory limb, but don't go near the water." I will, however, attempt to reconcile order with propriety, desires with circumstances, and what I say you can understand as the dictates of my heart. Since that God given deed was done and freedom was proclaimed more than a quarter of a century has passed away. Thirty times since has the American Negro rejoiced in his freedom and registered in heaven his song of jubilee and thanksgiving. For a moment let us pause and view with sympathizing hearts what his condition then was, and compare with the unswerable logic of facts this past with his present.

Let me here say that there was a Negro problem then besides which our present problem pales into comparative insignificance. Then we were four millions strong, homeless, penniless and, on the whole, as morally depraved and ignorant as barbarians. The question then was, will the Negro, by acquired ability, add to the nation's prosperity, or will they every remain a barrier to the nation's progress? They argued that in twenty-five years he would be reduced to a condition worse than the one from which he had been emancipated. The slave-holding class asserted that his slavery had utterly unfitted him to exercise the practical duties of American citizenship. He needed only look around us to-day to see how sadly these assertions have failed, how the false pretenses of that class have been shown to be such by illustrous examples from Tousiant L'Overture to Frederick Douglass, proving our full capacity as men of the highest natural endowments and capable of the highest race development. 'Tis true slavery blasted some of our fairest racial traits, but in our soul the voice of God bade us be prudent and patient and our progress proves how implicitly we have obeyed His precepts.

But, why tarry among the shadows of the past when nothing is to be gained by lingering longer? 'Tis enough for us to know that thirty years of freedom finds us one hundred years on the way to competent, intelligent citizenship. The black man no longer supplicates to be carried. Unlike the free red man no longer are we the wards of the nation. Our pride is that we carry our individual burdens, assisted by the better element of our recent masters. We have been a great, and are even now no inconsiderable factor in the nations politics. American black men have thundered forth their eloquence and logic on the floors of our nation's legislative halls—our Revels and Bruce have, in Senate chambers eloquently defended our rights, and full-well do we remember how our beloved Elliott and Cain, assisted by O'Hara and Smalls and latter by Langston and Cheatham and Murray gallantly proved that black men can be and are American citizens. When will American white men become aroused to our prosperity? When will we all be enabled to stand on the broad American platform, that to steal a ballot is a blasphemey against the nation's progress, and a sin against God's laws? We pray for the time when we all will recognize that present success is not all, but rather that:

"Our laws, our rights, that generous plan of power,
  Delivered down from age to age by our renowned forefathers,
So dearly bought by the price of so much blood;
  Oh, never let it perish in our hands."

One thing I would like to impress on my hearers and that is as a race we stand in need of greater co-operation. Not a selfish desire for race aggrandezement but such a co-operation as the German, the Italian and other Americanized foreigners give to one anothers—an earnest, a sincere desire to help our race for the ultimate good of our common country. There are three distinct things in which race co-operation must be had or else an other quarter of a century will find us where we are. We must have first co-operation in business; second, in the development of better morals; third, co-operation in securing more, if not better school facilities. We all recognize what a potent factor education has been in solving the race problem so far. Benjamin Franklin once said: "If a man emptys his purse into his head no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowlege pays the best interest."

The District of Columbia has done better then any other Southern commonwealth towards its black citizens. Our gratitude towards George Bell, Nicholas Tiasen and Moses Liverpool, three unlettered colored men, John F. Cook, Benjamin McCay and Enoch Ambush will never cease—our children's children will re-echo our peons of love and gratitude for what a Bell and a Liverpool have done for us and the District we love so well. In this community there are over 80,000 blacks for whose education during the past thirty-four years several millions of dollars has been appropriated and expended. Besides this magnificent donation we have Howard University where the general government has well expended several hundred thousand dollars more. The District of Columbia remembers what John F. Cook has said: "Universal suffrage and universal education must go hand in hand, as a rule crime and ignorance are never far distant." As a consequence our people here have magnificent school buildings upon every hill. The mecca for thousands of tiny wondering feet. As a race we should help our schools, the public free school system, Howard University and Wayland Seminary, cooperate, make them better, stronger and in a generation Howard will be the Georgetown University and Wayland the Union Seminary in the affections of the race. In a decade the proportion of intelligence will conpare favorably with any nation on earth. In this connection, dear friends, allow me to quote what the noble, talented Miss Lucy Moker has said: "May the struggle never cease in the right direction. Our teachers are the public guardians of our future citizens, and as such should be thoroughly equipped for the work—leaders among men, bright and shining examples of right training, correct thinking and doing."

2d. We need and must have greater co-operation in the development of better morals. The bible says, "My son forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandment, for length of days and long life and peace shall they add unto thee."

Our leaders in pulpit and school room should inculcate the doctrine of higher morals; let them teach the higher ideal of marriage and enunciate in thunder tones, "Whoever God has joined together, let no man put asunder," and our race will have fewer divorces, and the marriage tie will be more sacred. Every American should read and digest Cor. VII. As true American citizens we should develope a higher, deeper veneration for our parents; we should remember that dear mother's cheeks, plowed and furrowed as they are, are just as sweet and beautiful as when she kissed our childhood tears away and led us smiling into sleep. She

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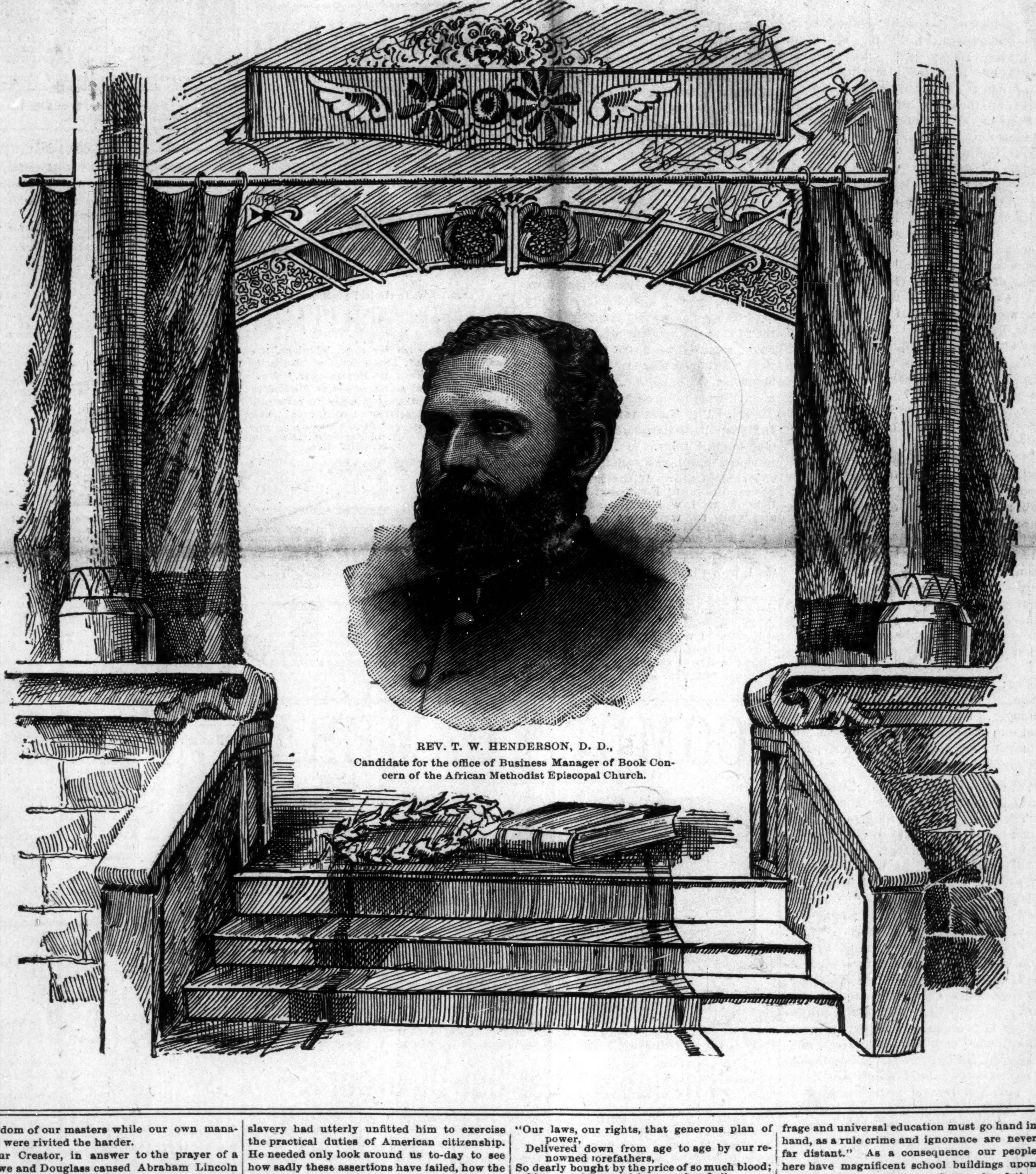

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# FROM BEHIND PRISON WALLS

## COMES WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE FREEMAN—"MANHOOD

### Triumphant"—An Interesting Article Written by an Inmate of Michigan's State Prison—A Literary Society—Take Advice.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I am a reader of your paper and appreciate its talent, may I presume to ask to contribute to its columns. I am an inmate in Jackson Prison Michigan. We have a colored literary society here composed of inmates, one of our number gets your paper, and it is received with no small degree of pleasure I assure you. We all read it and welcome the good report we hear from the outside world. It was suggested that we send a contribution to your paper for publication, I volunteered. You must not look for this essay to be a literary gem as I claim no distinction as a literary scholar. I am only a voice coming from the depths of a grim gray prison, where iron bars are crossing arms and the hearts that beat for us are stone walls. I choose for a subject, "Manhood Triumphant." And when I say manhood triumphant, I do not mean man alone but woman also. It is a very interesting study to go back into the dark ages of the past, and try to find out from whence we came—it is well enough to pry into the Darwenean Theory and see from whom we decended. But it is better that we look into the present man, find every hidden secret of the present man, and when we have mastered this then master the past, but first know thyself. We must know our thoughts, our minds, disposition and last, but not least, our hearts. Know our thoughts, yes, we must know and control them, for as we think, so shall we act. If then we think right we shall do right, if wrong we will do wrong. It is said "by their fruits ye shall know them," if a man harbors evil thoughts these thoughts certainly must come out even though they be suppressed they will be reflected in the face, that mirror of the soul; so then by their thoughts as well as by their fruits they will be known.

Then the fundamental principle of manhood triumphant the bases from which to build, its right thought, we must think only of the noble the true, and the beautiful. There are times when it is hard to think right, we are sorely tempted and tried at times, then we must remember what we owe to our manhood and good name. Put the proper value on manhood; put the proper value on womanhood. There a great fault with our young people, they under estimate themselves. Think so well of yourself that you cannot decend to a base act, even to your bitterest enemy, and you will always be found in the paths of righteousness. I have mingled with all classes and all nations, and no where have I found perfection; in humanity there is no perfection, we all have our faults and defects, and it is our moral duty to search and find them, and try to the best of our ability to repair them. I will take for an illustration something that will come under your direct observation in your daily life, for instance an ill temper. I regard temper a very good thing, it displays the animal nature in man which the higher or human must control. If this is our fault and we recognize it and by executing every effort we become master of ourself, we are climbing higher, with each victory will come hope, with each hope fresh vigor, and at last we will point with pride to the success attained. This is not only true in regard to temper, but in every case where there is a defect. When once we turn the searchlight inward we may find the defect so great that we will think it beyond repair. Not so my dear reader, it is never to late to mend, that person never lived for whom there was no redemption.

Each day I am forced to recognize my defects, each day I am forced to see more clearly the cloak of moral degredation that infolds me, and even now, though incarcerated, I am trying to free myself and assend to the grand position of manhood triumphant, in a pleasing manner and a cheerful disposition all that comprizes manhood. Now we must be industrious, virtous and honest. Here is a weak point in our young men, idleness. I remember when a boy my father use to tell me an idle mind was the workshop for the devil; and I have found it so. Young men, of a grand nation and a still grander race beware of idleness with all its baneful influences, it has caused the downfall of many, otherwise faultless young men. Take advice from me, spare your parents' heart and disgrace and yourself humiliation, take advice as it comes from the solitude of a prison cell, do not wait until you are in my position before you take heed. Prevention is better than cure. That is why I write to save you from an ignominous fate, and dear reader, we must have high ambitions, noble and good characters, magnanimity of mind and a kind heart, unselfish and sacreficing for there is no heart so great, noble and true, as an unselfish heart. When we have these we can say "I am the proud possessor of manhood or womanhood triumphant." When we possess these we have solved the race problem for we must solve it as individuals and not as a whole, we cannot all be doctors, lawyers and professional men and women, but we all can be cultured, refined, gentlemen and women and force the world to recognize us not, as equal but superior, by our general conduct and daily lives which speak loud and with more force than words. As for religion have the only true religion i. e. the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. Away in the unseen future, when the days of the present are numbered with the years of the past, and perchance you set by your fireside and review your past life, it will be with a sense of satisfaction, you will know you have lived right for you have lived as life should be lived with "manhood or womanhood triumphant."

Your humble servant,
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# LANGUAGE A MODERN POWER

## SHOULD BE MADE THE LEADING STUDY IN OUR SCHOOLS,

### Colleges and Universities—The Key That Unlocks the Store House of Knowledge Says E. T. Denby, A. B. B. D., Waco, Tex.

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.

The truth of the evolution of language is here clearly stated, but with reference to the spontaneous development of language is still one among the great mysteries of plulology—one thing, however, in the nature of linguistic generation is certain, and that is, it is a human necessity, having its being in man's divine constitution which was to, and did evolute this artificial language, which was to more facilitate his happiness in advance stages of his physical evolution.

In the study of language, did the question ever come to you, why we speak the English language? If not to the reader, certainly to the writer; while the answer is not as easily given (not from its vastness, however, but to the contrary) as it may seem, and yet, when given is not one; that clears away all of the doubts respecting the interrogation, but does at least clear away many conflicting difficulties. We learned to spead the English language from our earliest associates among whom our early years were passed, (this refers to us as a race, nation or individual) then language is the stepping stone to our higher education; it is not a gift of inheritance, but one of education.

We can come to but one conclusion from what has already been said, that man was created to develop a spontaneous generation of language; it was a divine capacity which enlarges with the height of his civilization. Language is the Magna Charta of civilization, the ground floor of all branches of knowledge; it is the mystical looking glass through which we look and see the picture of our ancient father's ideas, their manners and customs; it is the biblical and secular hermeneutics by which we interpret the great thoughts of the past and present, and by which we prognsticate the richness of thought of future productions and ethnological investigations. In the study of the science of language or the principles of linguistic science, we are confronted, it is true, with many complexities, but out of all, we are brought face to face with the stern realities of living thought, hence are brought in touch with the life and character of our progenitors—the study of language will do more toward the development of a truthful science of ethnology, or even anthropology, than any theory of physical likeness, or system of ethics. Let the whole world of scholars turn to the study of language, and before one quarter of a century shall have passed, a new day will have dawned upon us, the black Americans, and we will be seen as the proud Caucasian sees himself, and he will no longer manifest his scornful cachinnation, because we are black and he is white,

The difficulties in the study of languages are many. The great question of difficulty which enters the mind of the true and thoughtful investigator of linguistic science is, of all the different languages, which one is the starting point; which one is the mother tongue? The simplicity of the question makes the answer all the harder to answer, and perhaps never has been answered correctly; yet you will pardon me at this point for answering this question, "What is the English language?" In the words of Prof. Wm. D. Whitney, and to my mind no better answer could be given to the question. Says the Prof.: "It is the aggregate of the articulated signs for thought current among the English people; or, it is their average, that part which is supported by the usage of the majority—a majority counted not by numbers only, but by culture." Now to the main difficulty—it is a difficult matter to name the mother tongue of all languages. The old theory is that the Hebrew language is the mother tongue; this theory is still held by most scholars. This theory was greatly shaken by Leibnitz and others in the first years of the eighteenth century. I am a strong believer in the old theory; many object to the old theory because we find but a little resemblance between the Hebrew and other languages; this is accounted for on the account of their non-association with other nations, but we find to-day that the Hebrew language is becoming greatly intermingled with other languages, because the Jews have no particular country to keep their language pure—the simplicity and flexibility of the Hebrew language are strong elements for it being the mother language of all languages; if it is not the mother tongue, it is a twin sister to the mother.

The people of Southern Europe study the Latin language, for their early history and the people of India the Sanscrit for their early history.

The study of Sanscrit philogy began in 1784 by the Asiatic Society of Calcutta—this language was the original language of that country, but it ceased to be spoken about 300 B. C., the earliest form of the Sanscrit is found in the Vedas.

The inhabitants of Spain, Ireland and Great Britain spoke the Celtic language—the certain characteristic in their pronunciation showed evidently that they were of the same family or race of people who were called the Kelt.

The linguistic divisions (of languages are according to their like peculiarities) are the following: (a), Indic; (b), Iranic; (c), Celtic; (d), Italic. This is a very large division and comprises the following modern tongues, viz: Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Wallachian, French and Romanese; (e), Hellenic; (t), Teutonic and Slavonic.

The English language is Saxon, hence Englishmen and Americans are lineal descendants of the Anglo-Saxon

The most noted and first (historical) event which, as it were, molested our language, was the conquest of the Normans under William, Duke of Normandy, who invaded England A. D., 1066; it was their great, disastrous and decisive battle of Hastings that put the Saxons to flight, and took possession of the English throne. The influence of the Norman language upon the English is too well known to make mention of.

In an article of this kind for common minds, it is not expected by the more advanced that we should go into the technicalities of the different languages, or even our vernacular for an article of complete explanation of the kind that would make a volume, but we hope, at least, that some may be aroused to give language a deeper and a more careful study.

The idea of men talking about reading Shakespeare, Lord Bacon, Milton, Chaucer, Dante and other English works of the most difficult language. How can you see the beauty of the expression, the depth of the thought, the sweetness of euphonic changes, the imagery of speech, the sentimental ideas, the character of the author or whom he described without a knowledge of language as language? Everything has a language of its own; every glimmer from a star is but some word from its wonderful vocabulary; the shooting star is but paying a visit to some other star on invitation. The trees of the forest, the flowers of the garden, the rocks of the mountain, the snow covered peaks of Mt. Benson, the rain, hail, frost and the wind; every ray of sun is a word, and if properly and carefully studied, will reveal its wonderful history—where can man go to get from speech? Where can we get out of the reach of language? Man receives his first ideas of language from some natural objects, and in fact, he is still receiving his best ideas from the language of nature. We only wish we had time and space to pull up the curtain and allow you to see all of the beauties and advantages of this subject, but we must not be selfish. This, allow me to say, words are the exponents of men, language expresses their characters—keep this in mind, language is not thought as many suppose, nor is thought language; neither is there any mysterious correlation existing between them, so that we cannot conceive of the existence or being of one without the other; a word then is not an idea, a thought, but a sign of an idea, of a thought. I may state that language has but one office, and that is to assist another to comprehend what is in a speaker's heart

### Church and Personal News.

Helena, Mont., Special.

The Georgia Jubilee Singers gave two performances here to crowded houses. Prof. E G. Cole played with them in their street parade, as they were short of leaders. The memorial services of Bishop Wayman were held last Sabbath. The sermon was preached by Rev. Moore. The call read by G. M. Lee. Resolutions were read by Mr. Clark. The music, which was excellent, was furnished by Prof. Cole, Mr. Dorsey, Miss Claud Crump, Mrs. A. Letherberry, while Miss Smith presided at the organ. The parsonage is about done, and Rev. Moore will soon move his family into it. He will soon begin his protracted meeting. Elder Hubbard, of Denver, will be in the city Feb. 9th to hold quarterly meeting. Prof. Cole has his store lit up by electric lights, which make it look well. Miss Eva O'brien took a flying trip to Butte and has not returned. Mrs. Posy, who has had the dropsy for three years, died last week. She has been tapped 136 times, and for three months before her death she did the tapping herself, from one to two times a week. She was conscious to the last moment. Last week the ladies and gents gave Rev. Moore and wife a surprise party and carried plenty of good things to eat.

### His Head Crushed.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Claud Taylor, the man from Evansville, was killed here by a white man named Fisher for his watch and money. Usher Ford who was sent to the prison for twelve months for shooting in the Court House, in defense of his wife, was struck and his head was crushed in by a guard last week. John Page has been re-elected as Alderman. This is his third term he has been elected as holding his office greatly to the satisfaction of the colored people, Elder G. W. Porter's little boy is very low suffering with pneumonia. Elder Porter is pastor of St. Peter's A. M. E. church and is an excellent pastor.

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### Church News—Personals.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Welcome, Freeman! to the citizens of Kokomo. We want a paper that elevates its people, whose principles are for the protection of its race and country. Mr. Furgerson, traveling agent for The Freeman, was in the city a few days. He is a wide-awade hustler. The Lotus Club and organization of the young society of Kokomo, is growing in interest. The object of this club is to cultivate literary art. Quarterly meeting was conducted by Presiding Elder Smith, who is always welcome in Kokomo. He preached a masterly sermon, theme "The two extremes of life, death and of its excellence beyond the grave." Mrs. Holmes Rochester is here to make this her permanent home. Mr. Holmes is cook at the Columbian Hotel. Mr. Littleton Harvey of Indianapolis, payed Kokomo a pleasant visit recently.

The Lotus Club, a literary club formed by the young people of the city, held its regular weekly meeting Friday the 24th at the home of Miss Bessie Winburn, East Jefferson street. The question, "Resolved that railroads should be owned and operated by the government," was discussed by the members. Messrs. Ellis, Tasker and Harvey, of Indianapolis, were guests and gave the club helpful talks. Mr. Harvey also rendered excellent mandolin music. An enjoyable feature of the evening was the rendition of "Forgotten Words" by Oscar Powell, who composed the music and wrote the words to the song.

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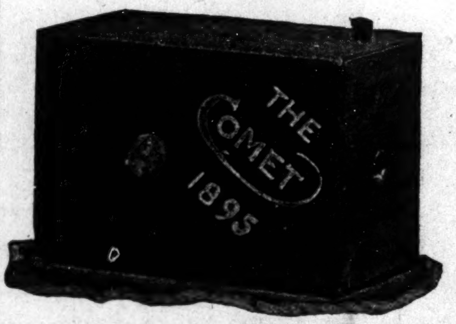

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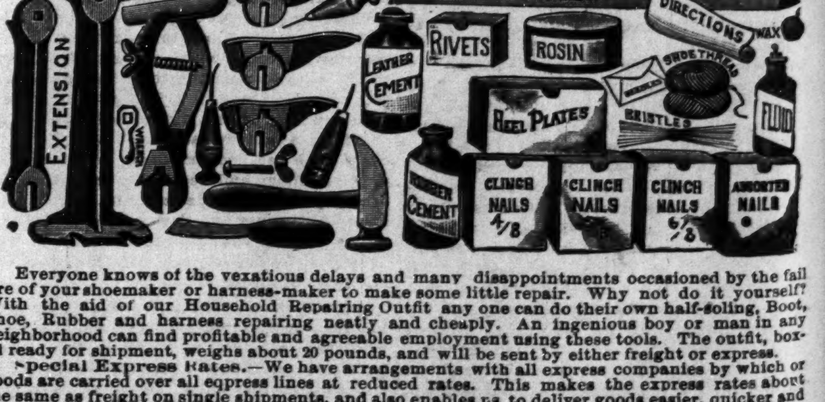

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### CHAPTER XXIII.

### AN OPEN CONFESSION.

> "I blush to think what I have said—
> But fate has wrested the confession from me."
> —Addison.

ALL NIGHT like a guilty prisoner in his cell Andrew Hardy lay awake in his bed. He was troubled in mind, and long before morning he had resolved to make an open confession to Martha Wright before he ate his breakfast. At the first sign of dawn he arose partly dressed and locked himself up in his private room and wrote the outpourings of a guilty soul:

"B——, CONN., April, 13, 1893.

"MISS WRIGHT:—Like all wrong doers when caught in the act, I am sorry for the part I have taken, for over a year in, the deception you have just unearthed; words cannot express. nor pen record the loathsome feeling I have for myself. I feel myself to be the meanest of all mean men, and if I were justly sent to state's prison, the convicted murders, robbers and other vile lawbreakers would, I know, revolt if obliged to associate with me, after learning the nature of my crime—a crime I truthfully say that I regret there is no law to punish. Of all robbers I am the worse, because I stole your heart by my pen when I did not want it for myself—stole it by a lie, by deception, for another I knew was not worthy of the love I had stolen, stole first your admiration then your love for the play things of an unlettered, wild, sporting man. As the law of the land makes no provisions for such crimes as mine I ask you to pass judgment upon me. I ask, however, for mercy; I ask that you raise me up to the level of your contempt. Do not, dear lady, place me below the level of your contempt, is all the favor I ask, and I ask it upon these grounds: I was, and still am Clark's oath-bound friend He was mine in the hours of death, sickness, hunger, want, trouble and privation. Pray listen to my plea for mercy. Listen, I pray, and then tell me what you would have done if you were placed in like circumstances I was born in the tide water section of our dear old Virginia, received from the hands of a loving parent a liberal education; (I am a graduate of Stillwell and Yale) my father died in debt although he had been in his time a man of wealth. I took my aged mother, wife and two children and started North to make a living in a state where many others had made a fortune Bad luck followed me; I moved to P—— where I met Clark, a wild sporting man who had a good position where he was making four or five dollars a day and saving one.

"While I was out of work my mother died; Clark asked me where I was going to bury her; I told him in Brooklyn; he asked me why not take her down home; I told him I did not have the money; he indirectly found out what it would cost to take my mother's body down home, and offered me twice the amount and insisted upon me taking it. This unlooked for and unasked act of kindness made me sware to befriend him in any way within my power when he asked it, and let me say, Miss Wright, before I go further; let me tell you something I have never told to living mortal, not even my wife: had it not been for Clark's offer to give or loan me money to send mother's body down home, the remains of my dear, devoted mother, would now be resting in an unknown grave in Potter's Field. He loaned me money to start in business and I swore with uplifted hands to God to do anything within my power for him any time he asked. Imagine my surprise upon his return from his last visit home when he demanded that I should write his love letters to you for him. I tried to talk him out of the idea but you can't reason with an ignorant man when his mind is made up. My only hope was that if you had had ten minute's talk with him you would have known that he was neither the author or writer of the proxy love letters I have been writing. With these pennings I submit my case to you; I throw myself upon your mercy and ask that you kindly raise me up to the level of your well merited contempt.

"Pray let me add: at last, I got delighted in corresponding with an educated lady who was a literary critic, and must confess that I wrote lots of letters to you without Clark's knowledge. Again, although I was oath bound and could not warn you of the deception, I felt confident that the truth would come out before it was too late. I am glad and sorry—glad that you have missed the fate of being joined in matrimony to my unlettered friend Clark, and sorry that I will not in future have the pleasure of having the social pen-chats with you that I have had. Asking a partial forgiveness for my crime,

"I am your well-wisher,
"ANDREW MARTIN HARDY."

Hardy had just mailed this letter when in rushed Clark.

"What's up, Andy?"

"It's all up."

"What's all up?"

"The cake's all dough, old boy."

"Oh h——l, talk plain."

"Well, I will; you'll never marry Miss Wright."

"Why not?"

"Because she's on to our lying letters."

"Is—that—so—Andy?"

"It—is—so—Joe; it's gospel truth, old boy."

"Well, how is it."

"It's this way: the other day when you went to town you stacked up against that Maud Clifford, got drunk, she stole some letters from Martha out of your pocket and the last one I wrote for you to send down to Beaconsville, and sent the whole business with one of my envelopes down to Martha; so the cake's all dough—the dance is over."

"Well say, I'll kill that Maud d—— her."

"You had better kill yourself or get the fool-killer to do the job for you. It's all your fault. I told you about carrying those letters about in your pockets."

"What will we do now, Andy?"

"You go back to Maud."

"I'll be d—— if I will."

"All I can do, I have done."

"Say, write once more for me, Andy, please."

"I'll do it, but I know it will be no use."

"Well, try old boy."

"I'll try."

"Don't forget—I must get back to P—— to-night."

"I'll do what I can."

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### Death of a Good Old Woman.

Argenta, Ark., Special.

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### Personal Mention.

Fulton, Ky., Special.

Rev. Y. Harris of Mt. Vernon, Ind., has the pastoral charge of the F. W. B. church here, we wish him success. Mrs. Tennie Utterback, of Covington, Tenn, is here visiting friends and relatives. Miss A. M. Harris of Louisville, Ky., and Prof. D. H. Anderson of Jackson, Tenn., closed their five months public schools here last Friday, Jan. 24th with an examination that gave great credit to a themselves and general satisfaction to the public. Miss A. M. Harris has been with us two terms, and has won the love and praise of all who know her. Prof. D. H. Anderson bids fair to be of much benefit to his people. Dr. W. M. Leverett will leave in a few days for Hopkinsville, Ky., to seek a location. Miss Mattie Anderson of Jackson, Tenn., is visiting in our city the guest of Mrs. Alice Beason. The entertainment at the F. W. B. Church on the 25th, was a success. The South Fulton Public School (on Tenn, side) is still in session with a daily attendance of 100. W. H. White is Principle and W. S. Moss, his assistant. L. T. Alexander, has moved in his new residence, 555 N. Lake-st. If you want to know what the race is doing subscribe for The Freeman. Mrs. Harrett Goosby of Clinton, Ky. who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Johnson, returned home on the 27th. Call at Jas. J. Barnard's place of business every Saturday and get The Freeman the greatest race journal in America.

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Texarkana, Tex., Special.

Times are very dull at present Mr. George Thomas and Miss Meloe Cobbs were united in marriage on the 21, Rev. W. H. Jackson officiated. Cannan Baptist Church is having a revival with some success. Rev. J. M. Harris, D. D, is pastor. Rev. J. M. Jackson, of Queen City was in the City and preached at the St, Paul A. M. E. Church on the 27th. Mr. and Mrs H. S. Purifay, had the misfortune to loose their little girl, Bennie, 2 years old. Mrs. C. D. Johnson visited Jefferson, Tex., Friday, the masquerade, and oyster supper given by Parsonage Committee, of St. M. E.Church, at Odd Fellow's Pavilion 24inst, was quite a success. Miss Janie Nichols represented The Freeman, being dressed in a dress made out of the Freeman papers. Miss Lulu Wells represented the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Mrs. T. C. Jackson makes splendid dresses out of paper, Rev. M. C. Dawson is back from Lode, where he went to visit his aged parents. Dr. M. E. Stevens, is doing a great work among his race as a physician. The white people of this city have all taken to The Freeman. A Mr. B. is going to write for agentship among his people, they say the Christmas issue was the greatest paper they ever read. A copy of it ought to be in every Negro home, all over this country.

### "And They Were Wed."

Bloomington, Ill., Special.

Eugene Simon left for Champaign Monday. Ed. Shoecraft was called to Chicago last week to attend the bedside of his sick brother. Walter Johnson and Rufus Lashly left the city last week for Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Kitty Kelly of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers. There was a musical and prize drill given by the Union Baptist church at Armory Hall Thursday evening. A good crowd was in attendance. Revival meetings are going on at the A. M. E. church and Mt. Pisgah Baptist church. Both are doing good work. The Jolly Four Club gave a leap year party at the Masonic Hall in Normal Thursday evening. Quite a crowd from this city attended. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. D. Moody, Mr and Mrs. M. Sterls, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dickerson, Mrs. Kittie Kelly, Misses Fannie Wyche, Corena Holly, Lydia Washington, Florence McCreary, Clara King. Messrs. Clayburn Hardin, Ed. Shoecraft, Jack Thomas, Elijah Douglass. Mrs. Betty Samuel and Mr. Geo. Thompson were married Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. Carr on N. Main street. Rev. Wm. Watson officiating. Mrs. Jameson, wife of Rev. Jameson of Union Baptist church, is in the city visiting friends.

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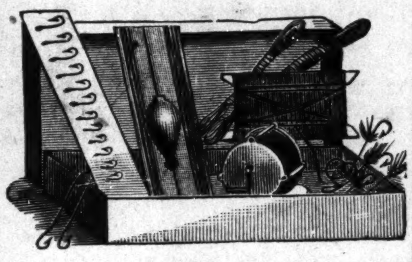

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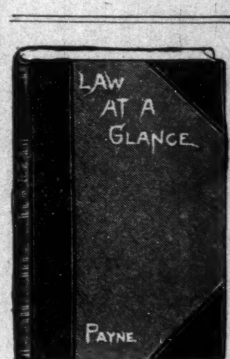

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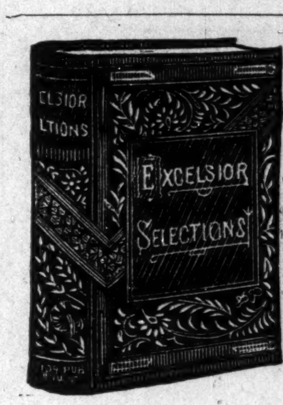

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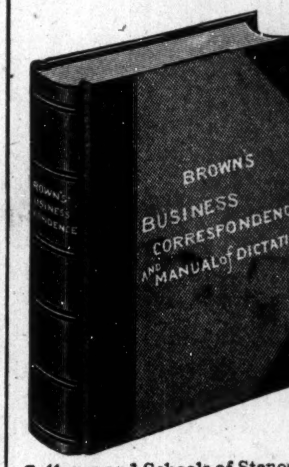

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## THE FREEMAN IN PRISON.

By some hocus-pocus THE FREEMAN has become the prisoner's friend. A letter, from a prison, comes to us stating that THE FREEMAN is the only means the inmates there have of coming in contact with the outside world. The writer says that one copy passes from cell to cell until it is so conned and thumbed that by the time it reaches the owner the letters are not recognizable. Such a letter indicating such a mission is more to THE FREEMAN than "storied urn or animated bust." To lift up humanity one must be a great preacher. THE FREEMAN feels prouder this week from this humble contribution to its greatness than were its prowess embalmed in heroic verse. Loudly appealing as the letter spoken of is, yet there is another which the annals of newspaper life seldom affords. THE FREEMAN, of a few weeks ago, published a letter from Harrison Tasker, doing time in Prison North, of this State, who asked that his paper be not discontinued and that he would do his best towards paying his subscription.

Tasker was immediately informed that in no sense would he be cut off until THE FREEMAN wound up its career, be that time long or short. In the next mail an angel, in the person of Mrs. Bettie Woodard, of far away Ft. Defiance, Arizona Territory, sent a letter reading:

GEO. L. KNOX—Dear Sir: Kindly send The Freeman to Harrison Tasker, who sleeps in his lonely cell in Michigan City, Ind. Enclosed find money for the same. Oblige,
MRS. B. W

If man's heart is not touched by such an act then life is a failure. Mrs. Bettie Woodard's heart is in the right place. Dry eyes, doubtless, will be hard to maintain during the recital of such disinterested love for unfortunate mankind. "Prisons may palaces prove," if love like this obtains and continues long. A very hard criminal must one be to be touched by such quickening love and yet meditate a criminal's "calling." Prison-houses would soon become desolate and tenantless; simply monuments of man's past depravity if evangels of mercy and charity that is not puffed up, breathed their benign in influences on these proscribed children of error and benightment as is here evidenced. An essay also is sent to be published, written by a prisoner whom the warden and chaplain takes especial care to imform THE FREEMAN that it is the prisoner's own composition. THE FREEMAN is convinced that such is the case and freely accords the essay space. It is hoped that when this person quits this silent domain of prison walls his usefulness and ability may be turned to account more telling than could emanate from the fetid precincts of this living death. The chaplain and directors have both won places in the heart of THE FREEMAN. It sees in their solicitude for the young man's welfare the same benign influences that permeated the heart of Mrs. Woodard. It is alright. Let the deaf and dumb talk and the blind see! The milk of human kindness is not dried up in the human breast. Young man, old man, young woman, old woman if you be among the unfortunates who may, perchance, peruse this paper remember that THE FREEMAN, while not condoning crime, is a friend to the alleviation of the miseries of its commissioners. If THE FREEMAN, in its unconscious errand of mercy has been the means of bringing one moment of surcease from sorrow, it will be more solicitous in the future of the Negro's welfare, whether immured in castle walls or savants in the halls of Congress.

## DR. T. W. HENDERSON.

In a late issue of THE FREEMAN we had a word to say concerning the fitness of Dr. T. W. Henderson for the editorial chair of the Christian Recorder, the organ of the great A. M. E. church, but since this we have been informed on the best authority that the Doctor is a candidate for the office of business manager of the Book Concern and not the editorship. It certainly gives us pleasure to tender our earnest support to Dr. Henderson for that position, for which we know he is so eminently qualified. Dr. Henderson is, in every sense of the word, a business man. His great work in Indianapolis, not to say a word about his success elsewhere, is a monument of praise.

He has managed the building of one of the grandest churches of the race in this city, and not only built it but has done it without making a debt of magnitude for other generations to pay. If the A. M. E. General Conference makes him business manager we shall be greatly surprised if in four years he does not put the Book Concern in a position it has never been in before.

## A SERIOUS CHARGE.

This community has been surprised by a serious charge being placed against one of the prominent young men of this city. The charge, if proven, carries with it a penalty which may deprive him of his freedom for sometime. It seems hardly possible that the young man can be guilty. There was no motive, that is, no dire necessity. His past relations to church and society certainly dispels all serious belief in the accusation. No action of the young man in the past can lead up to the idea that he is now guilty. It is to be hoped that a glean of light possibly seen by the gentleman will clear up the whole affair. Friends or enemies of the young man cannot afford to rejoice. If this case is proven to his detriment, on account of his standing and connections, this whole people will suffer. The fact is that he occupied such and such positions. His worthiness past and present is of no moment—he did occupy them. Crime is not to be condoned in high places 'tis true. Here is a place to make haste slowly.'

In the mad haste for criticism the young man is suffering in the house of his friends—such is usual. But society here, much, little or none, will suffer if the worse comes, not because of his future absence, but from his past contact.

## ARNETT REVENGED.

"The refusal of Boston hotels to entertain Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett because of his color has a sequel to-day in the announcement of the Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, university preacher of Harvard College, who was to address the South Middlesex Unitarian Club on "True Americanism." He declined to speak on the subject if the meeting of the club is held at a hotel in which the color line is drawn. Mr. Crothers states his belief that discussion of true Americanism under such circumstances would be inconsistency so apparent as to be grotesque"—Ex.

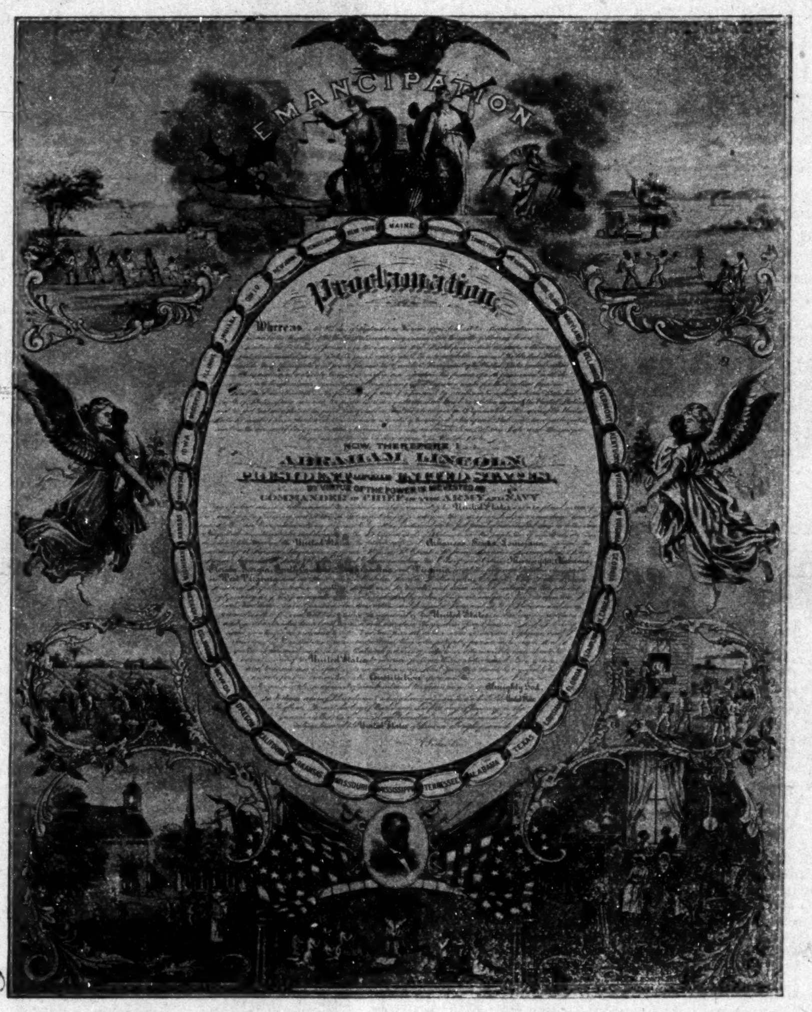
This is indeed a wholesome piece of intelligence. The heroic action of Rev. Crothers may not prove altogether efficacious, but it is in the right direction. This is the kind of christianity that is Christ-like. Plenty Crothers' are needed all over this land.

LORD SALISBURY is being hauled over the coals in his own country for his frankness in discussing state matters in public, and in America for still misconstruing the Monroe Doctrine. He now sees it as Monroe saw it.

## SMITH'S BAD BREAK.

The public reception given Monday evening, the 27th, ult., by the Afro-American Association of Columbus, O., for the three Afro-American members of the legislature, was indeed a gratifying affair numerically, as the large city hall in which it was held, was simply packed with humanity. Governor Bushnell was present and made a very happy address, as did also a number of local speakers, including Willis Mitchell, Sr., president of the Association; Rev. Johnson, Rev. Jones and Prof. J. F. Ransom, However, the greater interest was centered in the remarks of the Afro-American members of the legislature, Messrs. Parham and Smith, Stewart being detained at home by the illness of his wife. Parham simply covered himself with glory, and one hears his praise sounded upon every lip, because of the terrible trouncing he gave Harry Smith. Mr. Smith made a speech that was very inopportune, and has caused him to be severely censured by everyone present. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to say that the American flag was nothing to our race; that he could not sing "My country 'tis of Thee," and other remarks reflecting badly upon himself, and which were considered very unpatriotic. Mr. Parham, who followed Mr. Smith, replied to him, centuring the representative from Cuyhoga for his questionable remarks. The way Mr. Parham dressed down Smith was a caution, and for it he is receiving praises on every hand. The speech of Smith has been the topic of conversation this week, not alone among citizens whose skin is tinged with black, brown and yellow, but by the whites as well. Even the members of the legislature discussed it, and the Governor himself speaks most disapprovingly of Smith's indiscreet remarks. It is safe to say that Harry Smith will never again be asked to speak before a Columbus audience.—Voice of The People.

The eloquent speech of the Hon. Harry Smith, and the mortifying and unjust censure that Prof. Parham delivered at the public reception given in Columbus last week by the Afro-American Association, are the causes of much comment among the Negro citizens of the "Queen City" of the West. When the gray dawn of freedom came upon the American Negro, it lighted upon a race united in one common cause; but now to-day her sun beams on the descendants of those oppressed martyrs, among whom a few still impede our progress by clashing at each other, even in the legislative halls of Ohio. And why is this done? Because if we dare bring to life the truth, we will not suit our white brethren. We ask Mr. Parham, does he mean to censure a man for renouncing a flag under which groans a wronged race and of which he himself is a member, and yet it pays no attention? A flag that does not afford him protection in traveling from one country to another? We ask Prof. Parham does he censure his fellow brother for claiming no allegiance to a Nation and its ruler whose ear are ringing with the groans of an innocent and dying consul, perishing in a foreign prison, and yet take no heed? Is it gratifying for him to know that twenty miles due west of his home he is not allowed to remain over twenty-four hours in a town of American citizens; and why? On the account of his color. Does he censure an honest man for renouncing a government whose flag is stained with the blood of an innocent people, who are being butchered in cold blood by a class of butchers called American citizens; a government the majority of whose people dread the Negro's progress, and who hates our being and who are continually throwing obstacles of every description in the way of our advancement? If he does, we must confess that we do not understand him, for how often have the citizens of Ohio heard Mr. Parham in his numerous addresses renounce the stars and stripes, and how many times on the rostrum of many assembly halls has the Professor advised his fellow citizens to quit politics altogether until there was something in it for us. Since the Negroes, by their loyalty, have pushed him to the front, and he knowing there was something in it at least for himself, we suppose that is why he has so suddenly become very patriotic. Prof. Parham has often stated that he had no great regard for the American flag because it offered him no protection. No one understands why Hon. Parham, in that reception which was not given for our colored representatives to try to score and belittle each other in the presence of the members of the Afro-American Association and its guests, should censure so brave a man as Hon. Harry Smith, who had the manhood to advocate the cause of his people before any gathering, though he dies immediately after. It is very painful to hear of the uncalled for indignation of the audience. So far as Columbus is concerned by her painful actions in this respect, she clearly shows that although she is many miles north of us, yet she is just as far south of us in good common sense and judgement. We advise one and all to stop and think a moment; there is Bishop Arnett, one of the most eminent men of our race, was refused mere hotel accommodation by the citizens of the city of Boston.



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## DELICATE BUT NOT SERIOUS.

In view of the treatment of Bishop Arnett by the leading inn keepers of Boston, the press of the South will, no doubt, raise the cry of hypocrisy against the people of the North and charge them with ill treatment of the Negro in the house of his own alleged friends. This would be only a natural outcome of the incident. The difference in the attitude of the two sections toward the Negro in the matter of hotels is simply this:

In the South the Negroes never put the sentiment of the hotel keeper to a test. They do not expect to be admitted to public houses where white people are entertained. They never make the attempt. They have no desire to go to these places, their preference being for entertainment, when away from home, among people of their own color. They know their rights under the Constitution and the laws, but they evince no disposition to enforce them. As a consequence incidents like the one in Boston are unknown, unheard of.

In the North they are extremely rare, and arise more often, like the incidents last June in this city, from a desire on the part of a small class of Negroes to make trouble—perhaps to levy blackmail—than from any honest effort to seek food and shelter. But most hotel keepers here do just what those in the South would do if approached in the same way—refuse entertainment. And close observers cannot discover here any professions of a willingness to accord to Negroes the same treatment as to white people in the matter of public entertainment.

So the people of the South and of the North stand upon practically the same ground. The latter appear to be the more open to criticism because it is here that experiences like that of Bishop Arnett in Boston are found. The South is the more fortunate because the Negroes do not push themselves disagreeably to the front there. The question is a delicate one but not a very serious one. Both races recognize the imposibility of social equality. Neither race wants it or hopes for it. And both races know that it cannot be forced by law The difficulty, such as it is, is one of the legacies left to us by the institution of slavery, and, if fanatics do not recklessly make an issue of it, the third or fourth generation from ours will witness its final adjustment without any perceptible friction.

The above is from a prominent New York paper. It speaks for itself. It is reproduced for the benefit of doubting Thomases who see so much harm in some strictly race papers, because they might offend "de white" people by a continuous crusade against all forms of oppression. The above extract represents the sentiment of ninety-nine one-hundreth of the whites, even of the North. Why conceal it?

Many Northern Negroes are trying to lay to—hug up close to the whites, in order that they will lose the effect of a long range lash. It is no good. The Negro had just as well come down off his perch, locate himself, try to get a true situation—proper bearing. He wants to assume a fictitious attitude and conceal his proper rating. He would have one believe that everything is serene in the North, when you can go a stone's throw in any Northern city of any consequence and kick up as big a color line stink as one would care to see. The Negro either must resolve he is somebody and act like sombody or resolve to be nobody and quit trying to be somebody.

The writer humanely refers him to the third and fourth generation as the time for final adjustment. This is said, doubtless to ease his pangs of conscience. He tells us a moment before that "both races recognize the impossibility of social equality." What then is to be adjusted? If the "fanatics," as is said, do not contend the "fanatics" of one side will soon have no rights to contend for.

PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON made one of his characteristic speeches in Chicago last week. It was another great occassion and the Professor was equal to it. It is just as well to give the distinguished gentleman consideration for he is carving out an empire.

THE BEE, of Washington, D. C., has issued an anniversary edition that is notable for its artistic make up and completeness in all details. The edition seems quite a surprise, as it had not been heralded to any great extent. In some features, advertising especially, the equal of it has not been seen. Mr. Chase deserves praise for this great effort.

"THE John L. Waller fund, started by the enterprising Freeman, of Indianapolis, is a laudable undertaking. Every Negro who has any money should, as The Freeman says, demonstrate his race pride by assisting to liberate our imprisoned countryman"—Western Christian Recorder.

Yes, THE FREEMAN has started a fund for Waller, It does not move like a sky-rocket, but we take pleasure in announcing that it is moving. Now is the time to subscribe.

TO LEARN that Bishop Arnett, of the A. M. E. Church, had been refused admission to three hotels in Boston, the center of "culcha," carries with it the largest significance. Massachusetts, the hot bed of abolitionists, seems drifting from her moorings. It might have been expected South of the Mason and Dixie's line, but in the fair North it seems too extravagant for belief.

THE case of Hon. George W. Murray, who is contesting for a seat in the House as a representative of South Carolina seems to be making progress in his favor. It has now reached a sub-committee on elections, composed of two Republicans and one Democrat. Hon. Jesse Overstreet, of Indiana, is the chairman of the committee. Mr. Murray's case seems hopeful and he should succeed.

THE British government demands 50,000 ounces of gold from the Aasbante's king as its indemity for losses sustained in the late war with these Africans. It is very well known that this king nor many other kings do not hold so much virgin gold. It is simply the British way of holding these African chiefs as hostages or rather as prisoners. The Negro is an Ishmaelite, and every man's hand is against him.

COL. PERRY CARSON and "Honest" Andy Gleason will take care of the interests of the Republicans of Washington, D. C., at the St. Louis convention. These gentlemen, a Negro and an Irishman have for a number of years attended the Republican conventions as delegates. They have a full grip on the politics of Washington, which they are not willing to release. Gleason, it is said, is for Reed; Carson has not declared himself.

IN the last election in Mississippi only 64,399 votes were cast, yet there are 266,049 men of the voting age in the State. Of these, 150,000 have been disfranchised, leaving 116,000 whites as voters, of whom less than one-half voted. Two or three other Southern States contemplate this elimination of voters."—The Indianapolis Journal.

We opine that a great deal of voting is not required. There is more sincerity in preliminary contests in countries of the kind referred to. Voting is a form that must be gone through for the sake of legality only. These are great countries.

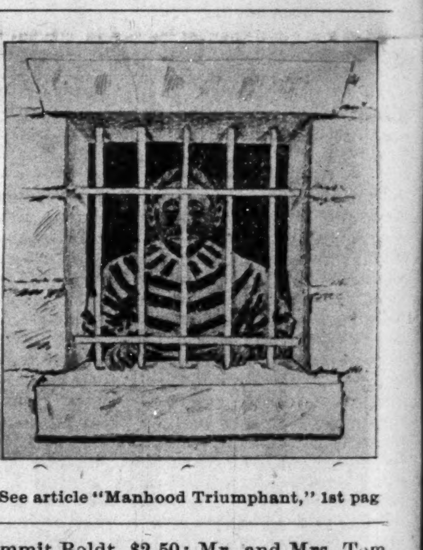
EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON has set at rest all speculation as to his attitude regarding the presidency by absolutely declining to allow his name to be presented to the St. Louis Convention. Many opinions are given as to the influence it may have in making or unmaking other presidential aspirants. From the concensus of opinion it seems as though McKinley will, in a large measure, fall heir to the Indiana Harrison boom. Allison is also quite a favorite; Reed has many admirers.

THE politicians of both parties are puzzled by the condition of things since the Supreme Court announced its decision as to the late apportionment laws. The laws of 1895 and 1893 are both declared invalid, leaving the apportionment acts of 1885 as the one in the judgment of the court to be the law in consonance with the constitution. The case is perplexing, no two persons are of the same opinion. The governor has decided not to call an extra session of the legislature, as many are inclined to think he should do.

## Wedding Bells.

Monroe, La., Special.

Miss Julia Boldt was married to Mr. W. T. Stewart Thursday Jan. 27, at 7:30 at the residence of Mr. John Boldt. The following presents were received: Rev. Mrs Hamilton, one set of goblets; Miss Lovy Nicholas, fruit dish and cup and saucer; Miss Mary Brown, pickledish and a set of ice cream saucers; Mrs. and Miss Windham, set of ice cream saucers; Mrs Ellen Murray, marsalles quilt; Mrs. Laura Oliver, cream pitcher and saucer, fruit stand, jelly dish and a photograph rack; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, set of goblets; Miss Renell McKay, chair tidy; Miss Lucy Watkins, chair tidy; Miss Pinkie McGown, fruit stand; Mrs. Pearlie Hughes, butter dish; Mrs. John Boldt, two jars of pickles; Mr. Emmit Boldt, $2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nick, $2.00; Rev. Wm. Hamilton, performed the ceremony. The couple has our best wishes. Mr Grant Washington, M. D. has returned from Natchez, and surrounding country. Mr. Washington is representing the Dunlap Medicine Company, New York City. Rev. A. Dabner is in town to spend a few days with his family. S. W. Woods was in town this week on business. Mr. Gilbert Steward of Cuba, La., was in the city this week. Doc. Allen went to Pine Bluff on a visit. Carter Barnington who has been sick for a short time is able to be out. Mrs. Maxwell of Natchez is stopping with Mrs. Dunmore. Read The Freeman and keep posted. Delivered to your house twenty cents per month. S. D. Hill has a reduced price on his tailor-made goods, he represents Owen and company clothiers Boston, Mass. All in debt to The Freeman will please call and settle as accounts are long past due.



See article "Manhood Triumphant," 1st pag

## Notes From The Gate City.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Rev. J. S. Powe, pastor of Gainesville A. M. E. church, was succeeded by Rev. C. Rochester, to our regret. Prof. R. B. Barnes, principal of Gainesville school, has a wide reputation as a successful teacher. He is rapidly building up in his medical skill. Rev. J. S. Powe preached two sermons in Denton Sunday. Rev. Powe is a soul stirring minister, and imparts the gospel with a magic power.

## WACO NOTES.

The Hon. N. W. Cuney, Texas' orator, spent a few hours in Waco, enroute to Dallas. Bishop B. F. Lee, is visiting the Northern states. The students of Paul Quinn College, were favored with a lecture by Rev. Miller. His theme was Missionary work. Dr. M. A. Majors' lectures on Hygiene are instructive and interesting. Theodore Drury, the great Afro-American baritone, appeared at the city hall and sang to a crowded house. His audience was greatly delighted.

# AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

Concluded from First Page.

is a dear old mother, feeble as she is, dim though the eyes may be, she will go farther, reach down lower and do more for you than any woman on this earth. Let us learn as a race to love her tenderly, cheer her declining years with a holy devotion. Even though she may smile on you as only a mother can, remember that "Underneath the sunniest smile may lurk the saddest heart."

We need greater co-operation in business. If all the Negro's wealth in the District of Columbia, aye, in all this land of the brave and home of the free, could be brought together and the currency of our country be depreciated to that amound it would scarcely cause a ripple on the sea of American finance. The Southern white man is naturally conservative and 'tis fruitless to expect his immediate patronage—that will come as surely as our goods are sold the cheapest. With increased wealth and intelligence, our rights as American citizens will be more largely felt and acknowledged. We must show to the world that we can be industrious, economical, virtuous and intelligent, and that we are determined to show to those whose bondsmen we once were that we can and will contribute to the granduer and glory of our common country.

Mr. President America is before us and our age is the opportunity for the Colored American. Will we prove equal to the task? Is the black man able to grapple with the forces of a highly-complex civilization and become the peer of any American citizen? Can we of the age control and direct the inevitable progess of this mighty race firmly to the essential truth? These sir, are practical questions in the presence of which all controversies should be silenced and which should knit us together as one man. If we are true to ourselves the bright sea of American citizenship is yet in the future!

Dear friends, we are told that we are in a transition period that the doctrines of American citizenship must be rewritten, that they must be put on a more comprehensive and honorable bases, or else given to the gentle zephyrs as the idle tales; that we are on the eve of a great social and political upheaval; that will sunder the only foundation of this Republic that the present problem is only a skirmish which preceeds the battle that will deside the destinies of this fair land Living as we do in an age of intellectual unrest, I ask the question, should we, do we fear the issue? American citizenship is now an assured triumphant fact organized, incorporate, inmanent and indistructable, in the very life of the race itself. Mr. President, whatever may be the fate of other governmental systems, the cardinal doctrines of American citizenship will stand fast as the pillared firmanent, and shine forth with light unobscured.

The Imperial system of Russian goverment will go down; the despotic dogams of Germany will be exploded, the monarchial legislation of England will be uprooted and swept away, all forms of despotism will be givin to the winds, but the fundamental principles of American citizenship will be the immovable rallying ground upon which the constructive thought of the future will gather to reorganize the goverments of the world.

Sir, as I said before, America is before us, it is open to our advance from the broad frozen lakes of Canada, to the burning sands of Mexico—it is seething from centre to circumference with the ferment of new ideas which Abraham Lincoln with one stroke of his pen originated and Gen Grant with his sword consummated. How long will it be before America will be vocal with the sweet song of our political redemption?

Ladies and gentlemen let me say in conclusion that little less than a century ago it would have been a grand scene to have stood on the Alps and beheld the French commander Napoleon at the head of his two hundred thousand veterans marching to enslave a nation. What a grand sight, a glorious vision! An army of conquest with Napoleon as its leader and the banner of four conquered nations at its head! But grand as was the army, great even though was its commander, it suffered defeat, bitter, galling, humiliating defeat—and why? Because its purpose was wrong, God would not suffer it to succed.

If we stand on the highest peak of the Rocky mountains we shall behold an army larger in numbers, grand in its ideals and grander in its purposes, whose hearts beat in perfect unison, marching on with measured jubilant tread, with a loftiness of intention that challenges defeat and bridges every difficulty. Shall we fail? Can we fail? Our leader is Jehovah himself—a mightier general than any Carthagenian or Corsican chief. He may suffer us to be defeated in skirmishes, but his omnipotent right hand of power will be with us in the hour of deadliest conflict. Be patient, be virtuous, be provident—two wrongs never made a right—remember, and

"Let our unceasing earnest prayer,
Be too, for light, for strength to bear
Our portion of the weight of care
That crushes into dumb despair
One half the human race."

For,

"Though the mills of the gods grind slowly,
Yet, they grind exceedingly small,
Though with patience he stands waiting,
With exactness grinds he all."

### A New Doctor.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. M. L. Parks has returned from quite a pleasant trip to see her neice, where she is attending school at Knoxville College. She says that they are doing a great work and she is well pleased with the progress of her neice. Dr. A. J. Love attended the commencement at Meharry Medical College on the 3rd inst. He is quite elated over his trip. Miss Daisy Lowdnes was complimented with quite a pleasant surprise party from Queen Esther's Court No 51, last Monday evening at her home, Cypress street. All present enjoyed it. Mrs. F. E. Streeter will visit her daughter, Mrs. Kinney, at Atlanta next week. Dr. E. D. Burkley a recent graduate of Meharry Medical College in dentistry, is expected here during this week, and will open his office at once with Dr. J. B. Dickson on Chestnut street, 729. We extend him a cordial welcome and bespeak for him a successful future. Among those having sent in their subscription for one year during last week were Dr. T. W. Haigler, Messrs. G. W. Jackson and C. P. Strothers. Subscribers please note that The Freeman will be sent you for 15cents every four weeks. Please pay promptly. Leave your order at Dr. O. W. James drug store or at the barber shops of H. Bell, George Vaughn, Henry Bryant. C. E. Newton agent

On next Sunday the 9th intt, special services will be held in the auditorum of the First Colored Baptist church. Rev. Vann, the pastor, cordially invites the public to be present. This elaborate edifice is now completed and Rev. M. Vann deserves much credit for the energy and push he has shown in its completion. Rev. T. A. Thompson is pushing the work on his church on Chestnut street, and expects to complete it during this year. The entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs J. G. Heggie Thursday night under the auspices of Mesdames Heggie, Jordon and Miss Martha Porter in the interest of Warren Chapel, was quite a success both socially and financially. Leave your news items at Dr. O. W. James' drug store, 403 W. Ninth street, before Saturday of each week. We mean to make the news from this city the most interesting of any other cities in The Freeman. You will also note that The Freeman can be had until Feb. the 15th for the small sum of one dollar a whole year.

### News and Notes.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Don't forget The Freeman every Saturday and the rally day on the 3rd Sunday at the A. M. E. church. No small-pox in our city at this date. There are twenty-six cases at Holly Grove and one death, the wife of Will Rivers. Our town is still quarantined. Mrs. Elvia Jewels of Mississippi, came over the 25th of January to visit relatives and friends, but was called home the 28th on account of sickness. Little Ella Milam who has been spending it pleasantly in Mississippi visiting her cousins and other relatives returned the 26th of last month looking well. Dr. Morris passed through the city enroute to Helena, Ark., his home. J. G. Walker at this writing is able to be out. Mrs. Ella Anderson is on the sick list. Wheat is higher now than it has ever been at this season of the year. With six churches in our town there hasn't a bell rang or any service been held at any church for two weeks. E. F. Berry has first class groceries Will Artice keeps hot lunch. The Plaxico Bros. has the quietest place of business in town. E.F. Berry's is head quarters for the boys. Miss Mary Smith who has been on the sick list for quite a while is able to be up. Mrs. Cotton left last Friday for the country.

### Lodge Doings—Personals.

London, Ont., Special.

The Forest City Literary Association gave a grand program in the K. of P's grand lodge institution and installation of the officers of J. H. Rothbon Lodge K of P's and Western Star Court Calanthe on the day and evening of Jan 30, 1896. G. C. Curley was the head and front in this movement. The Lodge of K. of P's. number thirty-three members, and the Ladies Court thirty-two and is growing rapidly. Our literary is also getting along well and is growing intellectually all the time. The church is holding its own, the Rev. Mr. Holden, pastor, has a hard charge both spiritually and financially. Sister Jane Long, a member of the Court Calanthe is on the sick list. Sister Charlotte Martin is improved in health. The Rev. R. L. Holden is a graduate of the Cleveland, Cyahoga county Ohio Law College, having graduated June 29, 1870, converted in 1881, called to the ministry in 1882, and done efficient work in every appointment. He was ordained by the late deceased Bishop Walter Hawkins.

### A Welcome Visitor to the Prisons.

Geo. L. Knox:

Dear Sir:—As stated in my last letter to you I send you today $1.00 please give me credit and acknowledge the same. I've waited as long as I could for the boys to get their money ready. What's the matter with "My Life as a Slave" etc? Possibly my tardiness with others, in renewing my subscription disheartened you, if so, I'll come to the front with the cash. Let us hear from your "Life." The Freeman is a welcome friend to many a prison. It passes from cell to cell until the letters are entirely worn off the paper. Wishing you success and thanking you for past favors I bid you God speed.

Yours in Christ,
Jno. F. Conner,
Nashville, Tenn., Care Prison.

### Clarksville Notes.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

Our literary society here seems to be enlivening again. Rev. B. J. Finney, chief; Prof. W. D. Davis, president; W. M. Thomas, secretary; Prof. W. D. Perry, speaker or manager; R. L. Newton and V. M. C. Birts, critics. At our last meeting a very fine program was rendered. Mrs. Malinda Hunter made the opening address, subject, "The Duty of the Wife." We are looking for our new presiding elder this week, Elder G. W. Swan, to hold his quarterly meeting.

Information wanted of my mother, Tempy Marks, by name. She left Pulaski, Tenn., with two daughters, one Gillie McCanless the other Harriet Hamilton. They went to some part of Kansas. Any information concerning them would be thankfully received. My name was then Malissie Harvell, but is now Malissie Thomas, Clarksville, Ark., Johnson county.

### Jailed for Murder.

Humboldt, Tenn., Special.

Mary McKnight, an old colored woman, was arrested Jan. 24th, by the town Marshall Clent Hill, on a charge of murdering her daughter's child, of illegitimate birth. She was bound over till court on the 26th. She was sent to jail at Trenton on the 27th. The child was ordered to be taken up, which was done and brought to the court room.

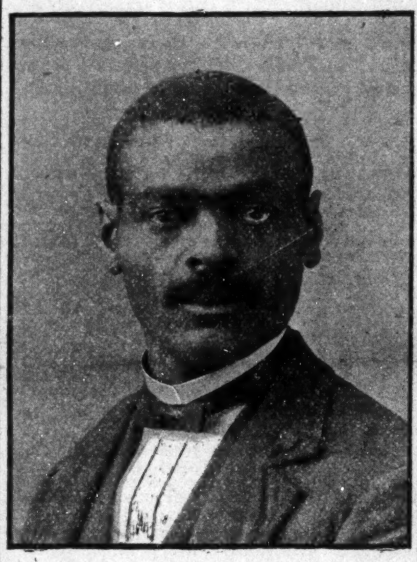
## A "TOAST" TO THE FEEEMAN

### A Tragic Death—Walnut Hill Notes—Personals—Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The attendance at the Harrison street literary society last Tuesday evening was large. The chief feature of the program was the musicale given by the Garrett sisters, assisted by Mr. Garrett, their father. Miss Florence Garrett, aged fourteen, handles the base violin with much ease and dexterity, while Miss Myrtle, aged twelve, and Miss Maggie aged ten, are agreeable entertainers. The engagement of Will Evans of the Burnett House and Miss Dora Pitts of Dayton, who is now the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Conrad Roots, 406 Harrison street, is announced. The funeral of Ernest Troy, who met such a tragical death at Hot Springs, Ark., took place last Sunday from the home of his parents on West Minister street, Walnut Hills. The service was solemn and impressive. The sacred concert at the A. M. E. Zion church on George street Sunday promises to be an extraordinary affair. The committee having the Waller fund in hand reports progress and are preparing to issue a pamphlet to the general public, setting forth the facts in the case.

Rev H. W. Tate addressed the most orderly gathering ever assembled in the Ninth street literary society last Monday night on "Possibilities of an Humble Birth." The address was much appreciated as was also the presentation speech of Prof. S. J. Hunter, who presented Miss Mamie Hackley with the prize won at the spelling contest held last week. Mr. Hunter is winning golden opinions for his excellent impromptu speeches. The young ladies of the Wit and Wisdom Club are arranging for an entertainment at an early date at the Pythian Hall. Our enterprising young business men are coming to the front. Minnes and Grandison are compelled, with two stores, to enlarge their grocery departments, while the Progress Grocery Company is arranging to establish a branch store at Knoxville, Tenn. The birthday reception tendered by Hon. J. H. Ayers, Grand Secretary of the State of Ohio of U. B. F's. at his residence, 1027 McMillian street, was a splendid affair. The repast prepared by the dainty hands of Mrs. J. A. Ayers was unsurpassed by any thing of the kind. Toasts were delivered by the following distinguished guests: Rev. Alfred Frazier, H. White, R. E. Frazier, E. D. Nickens, Wm. Smith, J. H. Ayers and S. J. Hunter. A toast to The Freeman was given which was enjoyed by all.



T. ARCHIE BURKHALTER,
A Leading Business Man of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

The friends of Mrs. Augustus Treason, living on Foraker avenue, will be pleased to hear that she is out again. Misses Daisy Smith and Maggie Bell and Wm. Smith were successful in their examination for teachers in the Cincinnati public schools. For a number of months the Areopagus in Cumminsville has been in oblivion, and now it is rumored that their sextette soon will appear on the stage, and the patrons of literature on the Hill would like to be duly informed of the date when their debut will take place. The revival at Mt. Zion M. E. church is still going on, conducted by Rev. Winchester. On every hand sinners are being convicted and mourners converted. Mrs. Anna E. Brown, the lady evangelist, has taken her departure. The citizens of the Hill congratulate her for her great success in converting sinners. Her next field of labor will be in Cumberland, Md.

### Tuscumbia News.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Miss Bertha Kirk was married to Mr. Wilson Slaughter last Thursday night at the residence of the bride's parents. It was a quiet affair, being witnessed by family friends. The marriage was a beautiful one. The bride being beautifully attired in white mull and orange blossoms. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. A. A. Sensabough. A number of beautiful presents were received. The couple was married under an artistic wreath and an arch of evergreen. Rev. T. B. Moppins, together with the Rev. W. S. Battles, P. E. of the Courtland District, visited the city school last Friday and were highly pleased with the work of the school. Both gentlemen made excellent talks to the school. The Household of Ruth was set up Wednesday night.

## REV. T. W. HENDERSON ABROAD.

### The Instrument in a Phenomenal Religious Awakening—The Recipient of Many Honors.

Indianapolis, as every city considerate of its reputation, follows with earnest solicitude the course of her votaries of the exalted professions, especially when abroad, knowing full well that her reputation for gifted products is maintained or shattered as a result of the general deportment, the moral and intellectual poise of these votaries when the guest of strangers. Hence this solicitude is a logical sequence, especially as regards her children to the manor born. But it does not stop here, but attaches itself in proportion as merited to the illustrious of the race even when, as in the case of our subject, who as amenable to the intinerant polity of the A. M. E. church, has only been loaned to us, but who has so signally promoted this city's spiritual and material improvement that he may lay just claim to her deepest interest, the fullest measure of which is but lamely commensurate with his actual worth. Notwithstanding our hold upon him has been continually menaced by the importunings of sister churches desiring his services, to all of these he has turned a deaf ear and save for brief periods has been ever at his post. But when to help revive the work in a neigboring vineyard he has briefly lent his service, it will be gratifying to his friends to know that his labors have been fruitful and that Indianapolis is being awarded much gratitude for having furnished such manner of servant.

Upon the call of Rev. A. J. Chambers, pastor of St. Paul Chapel, Lexington, Ky., Rev. Henderson went to that city, Jan. 13th to labor toward the spiritual revivification of that church. The harvest of souls seemed truly ripe, as on the first night of his service, fifty persons manifested a desire to become christians, and the interest increased daily. Two meetings, afternoon and at night were held throughout the series, resulting in many accessions to the church and a spiritual awakening unprecedented. During his stay at Lexington he was the guest of that prominent Lexingtonian, J. C. Jackson, who is perhaps the most prosperous colored business man of that section and owner of the most handsome and most modernly equipped residence, which Dr. Henderson says it has been his privilege to visit, owned by colored people. He was also the recipient of many social attentions, and brings to his work the kindliest remembrance of his sojourn in that city. He visited while there the grave of Henry Clay, the colored orphan's home and several scenes of local and historic interest.

On Monday Jan. 20th he visited Danville, Ky., the guest of Mr. and Mrs Samuel Woods, the parents of Mrs. Emma Shepard of this city. He found upon his arrival that an elaborate reception in his honor had been arranged by his hostess to be held from 4 to 7 o'clock on the afternoon of his arrival participated in by the ministers of the various denominations, and the representative citizens of the place, among whom were Prof. Bates and wife, Benj. Tibbs and wife, Preston Shirley and wife and others. An elaborate menu of ten courses embraced seemingly every delicacy known to the cuisine art. He preached at the A. M. E. church at night to a crowded house, including representatives from every church in the city. Thirty-five men came forward for prayers, beside women and children. The climax of interest, however, was reached when Benj. Tibbs, the wealthiest colored man in the city, a man of great respectability and moral weight, a man sixty-five years of age, but hitherto impervious to the overtures of friend or kinsman, in behalf of his spiritual welfare, and his voluntary yielding to the power impregnated in the word of God, as sounded by one of his servants was the signal for a rejoicing which bordered on rapture by the great crowd present. After the service Rev. Henderson was the guest of honor at a reception given by the teachers and young people of the city, at the residence of Mrs. Barbee and on the day following at a dinner at the residence of Preston Sherley. A pleasant drive through the courtesy of Rev. Williams paster of the A. M. E. church, completed his round of enjoyment, preparatory to taking his leave for Indianapolis.

### Flourishing Institution of Learning.

White Plains, Ga., Special.

The Freeman is now widely read and appreciated here. This is a thriving town, and can boast of some prosperous Negro citizens. Prof. A. H. Heath, of this city, is still keeping bachelor's hall and teaching school. He has a valuable plantation in the country and a comfortable home here. Remember young ladies this is leap year; now is your time. We have two churches here, Baptist and A. M. E. Rev. R. J. Johnson is the Baptist pastor, and Rev. Fountain pastors the A. M. E. church. Our public schools are flourishing. About 250 pupils attend the town school. The White Plains Academy is doing fairly well. Its attendance is larger every year. It has given to this and adjoining counties some of our best teaching force. At the pleasant home of Miss C. E. Lundy, Prof. J. W. Turner, of Ruth, is a frequent visitor. Rumor has it that wedding bells will soon ring. Both of them are teachers and are worthy young people. I wish to thank most profoundly the following pupils of White Plains Academy for Christmas presents: Misses Lena Evans, Annie M. Evans, Pearlie Alexander, Annie Greene, Julia Greene, Carrie Mapp, Princilla Alexander, Senie Alexander, Carrie Hightower, Lela Jentry, and Masters Charley Mapp, Earl Mapp, Reed Mapp and Monroe Greene, each giving 25 cents as a mark of appreciation of their teacher.

### A Mock Congress.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

A mock congress was held last Tuesday at St. Mary's Lyceum. Many bills were presented for consideration, bills of the "Monroe Doctrine," Depotation of Negroes to Africa and other bills. The appointment made by mayor Hooper of Dr. Wellington Bryant as superintendent of street cleaning has caused a town's talk. The doctor will start his force Monday Feb. 2rd. Dr Cairgill, city councilman from the 11th ward, is a wonder to the council. The doctor talks very plain and rapid. The question is rumored, will the mayor appoint any colored clerks out of the many applicants filed? John Dabner, the professional pool shark of Maryland, has received a challenge from George Atkinson of Maine. Mr. Dabner was called upon by a city reporter and he said he would not go into any contest under $1,000. The question has been asked, who will be our school commissioner from the eleventh ward? A colored or white man?

### Pardoned From the Penitentiary.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Lewis R. Lewis, late of the Pension Bureau Washington, D. C., is in the city accompanied by his wife. They are giving pamorama exhibitions at the different churches. The public schools were closed on the afternoon of the 3rd on account of the teachers meeting. Will Skelton of this city, married a young lady in Golconda, Ill., last week. They will reside here. J. A. Woodward is now a full pledged notary public, ready for business at his office on Fifth street. The revival at the A. M. E. church still continues. H. B. Davis has sold out his barber shop at the Palmer House. Geo. E. Marshall has put a pool table in the rear of his barber shop. A movement is on foot to organize a first class base ball club for the summer season. Jerry Lee is very sick at his residence on south Ninth street. Louis Proctor has recovered from his recent illness. Mrs. Louisa Bradshaw is suffering from a sprained ankle. Eliza Howard who was convicted and sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary a few weeks ago, has been pardoned by Gov. Bradley. It is rumored that a stock company will be formed to run a strictly race paper here with Lewis R. Lewis as managing editor. The different Odd Fellow lodges here are preparing for their annual sermon the first Sunday in March. Only fifteen days more to get The Freeman for one dollar a year. See M. Bradshaw, 419 Jackson street.

### Personal and Social Mention.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

At the Second Congregational church on Sunday a memorial service was held at 11 o'clock, which touched a tender cord in all the hearts that were present. Rev G. V. Clark of the Second Congregational church, will be absent from his pulpit during the month of February giving lectures in Ohio and Michigan. His pulpit during his so-journey will be filled by Rev. Howley. The home of Dr. Abbie was the scene of a quite wedding on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the contracting parties being Miss Alder Morton and Mr. Percy Patterson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Abbie of the De Soto street Methodist church. The bride is a charming young lady who by her sweet womanly qualities, and many rare charms of mind and person, has won for herself a circle of friends. The groom is a young man of staunch integrity, and for a number of years has been an employee of the Chickasaw Guards Armory. Messrs. Peters and Nonely, Washington, D. C., made a flying trip to this city last week. Miss Gertrude Hutchison is very ill at her home. Mr Chas. Cornes is visiting his people in Helens, Ark. Miss Mary Adams and Abraham Martin were joined in wedlock at the bride's residence on Jackson street, Sunday Jan. 26th. While in the city don't forget to give the Hub Barber Shop a call, No. 151 Beale street, where The Freeman can be purchased also. The festival given at the Second Presbyterian church on Linden street, was a grand success. Prof. Ruffins being present was loudly applauded to speak, which he did, his subject being the building of the colored young men. Miss Bessie Lewis passed through the city from Ft. Worth Tex., to her home in Chattanooga, Tenn., during her stay was the guest of Misses Cole and Hubbert on Madison street.

### Lonliness Banished.

Mr. G. L. Knox:

I have not forgotten my subscription has expired, have just neglected to get an order. I would not be without The Freeman, and more especially in this lonely part of the United States. When I sit in lonely hours thinking of my dear old home and friends, I can take The Freeman and read about my home, I love so dearly. Enclosed you will find money order for renewal.

Yours for the race,
Mrs. Mack Stanfield,
Fort Huachuca, A. T.

An Honest Man's Story.

Greenvillage, Pa., Jan. 23, '96

Dear Sir—Thank God there is a medicine that will cure catarrh. Mr. Pretzinger, I used your sample box of catarrh which you sent me. The night I used it it helped me. May God bless you for your kindness. I used the little box you sent me and about half of a 50 cent jar. They keep it in Chambersburg. I have told a great many people about your medicine. Hon 'Squire Britton, brother-in-law to me, is using it; he says it is helping him very much; he has catarrh very bad. Mrs. G. D. Ludwig, daughter of me, is using your medicine. I use it in the evening before retiring to bed and am feeling better now than I have for the last five years. My head is clear and have more energy for work and business. Before I used your medicine I felt many a time that I did not care whether I was living or dead; I had no energy; I did not care for anything. I had catarrh over sixty-seven years; mother had catarrh and it turned into consumption; she died in her sixty-fourth year. I have a farm up at Strasburg, seven miles from Greenvillage. On nice days I drive up to the farm and work. Mr. Pretzinger I think it would pay you to have it put in all the Franklin County papers as I am a reliable, honest man, so the people say, middling well acquainted over the county.

Yours truly,
Geo. K. Zollinger.

A small sample can be obtained by sending a 2c. stamp to Pretzinger Bros., Chemists, Dayton, Ohio.

### Church and Personal News.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Miss Nora Spackley who has been visiting her parents for some time has returned to Chicago. Enos Roberts of Lawrence is in the city for a few days visit. Regular quarterly meeting was held at the M. E. church Sunday February 2nd. The young men's dancing club will give a ball February 13th. Charles Stewart is out of the city on business. Mrs. M. J. Bell and Mrs. C. Stewart spent Sunday with Mrs. Amos Stewart.

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# "LIGHTS INTO THE WORLD,"

### ARE THOSE WHO CRITICIZE WISELY —THE PRESENT CENTURY

### Is Truer to the Teachings of Christ Than Any Previous—Fools and Egotists, Only, are Indifferent to What Others Say—The Review.

The world never loves a critic and no critic enjoys his task. It is always easier to praise than to criticize just as it is always easier to sin than to do right, but false praise is as great an evil as false criticism, while judicious praise and judicious criticism are beneficial. There is never any justification for mere fault-finding. The true critic must start out with a correct conception of what should or ought to be. He must next clearly understand and see the thing to be criticized, with these two concepts in mind he makes comparisons between the real and indeal, and thus discerns the good and bad qualities of the object under contemplation. His criticism, to be complete, must recognize the good as well as the bad qualities, otherwise he is either a mere flatterer or a mere fault-finder. Good judgment would lead a critic to be silent about faults of which there are little prospect of finding a remedy, and to only point out those defects which he sees are likely to be corrected. Each man is divinely appointed to be a critic, first of himself and afterward of those about him. Thus it comes about that we are all subjected to the scrutiny of our fellows and their approbation or disapprobation of us operate in a forcible mannner in directing our conduct and moulding our character. The individual who is isolated from those who are intelligent enough and serious enough to criticize him, is deprived of one of the best helps to growth. The individual who renders himself indifferent to the just criticism of his fellow men does himself an injustice and pays the penalty by suffering degeneration. There is no individual and there is no human institution which can grow symetrically and maintain a healthy condition if deprived of the influence of sound criticism. A good man gives attention supremely to the will of God, but secondarily seeks the respect and approval of himself, his fellow-men in general and his near friends in particular. There may be instances where to be true to God a man must be opposed to his fellows, but there is no instance in which a man can be true to God without also being true to his own better self, but that "self" is capable of constant growth, and that too very largely, through contact with still better men who are "lights unto the world."

The man who is indifferent to what others think is either a fool or an egotist. The same may be said of all human organizations, even the church. This truth is taught by him who said, "Avoid the very appearance of evil." The christian is a 'living epistle' and it is intended that he should be scrutinized, studied, discussed and "sized up" up by men If a church can build a highwall around itself and shut out the gaze of the world, it can go a step farther and place all complainants within, into "cells" and thus between the wall and the cell can attain full license. Now, no organization, conscious of merit, would want to adopt any such course. Were the Roman church completely exposed to public gaze, many of its institutions, which have survived the centuries under the protection of seclusion, would fade like a dream. The present century is truer to the teachings of Christ than any of the centuries now gone. In this day the inquiring mind probes everything, it takes nothing for granted but goes behind the outward seeming, and seeks to know the deep secrets.

The "root doctor" can no longer hide his ignorance behind mysterious incantations, the sciolist can no longer pass for a wise man by simple pretense. A man may get a string of titles as long as his arm and wear them like beads about his neck but the school boys will watch and weigh his words and will at last find his limitations. The restless, relentless, the free and fearless spirit of inquiry that is abroad demolishes pretense, destroys shams and gives to the world the realities. The freedom to criticize raises up a sort of "moral police" before whose attacks frauds flee. There was a time when a bigamist might be sent as missionary to Africa without any one daring to raise an objection, but that time is gone forever. No man is big enough nor so valuable that he can defy the public sense of right and decency and cry down the disapproval that will be uttered. When the case, as may happen, is reviewed in the courts of law by fearless state officials right will be vindicated and the loud boastings of bold and defiant transgressors will be hushed in shame.

Criticism may not always be pleasant but if it be just it will at last, also, be triumphant. Humanity is advancing, not retreating, and every true standard set up will become a goal toward which the tide will flow. Above all other classed of American citizens we should encourage (honest, fearless, judicious criticism.) Let the world, white and black, stop giving us false praise and false censure, let patronizing orators and prejudiced enemies give place to honest, plain speaking men. Let us become acquainted with ourselves as we actually are. Let us be convinced of whatever errors we have. Let us become more and more inspired with the love of virtue. Let us give more and more heed to the process of sound and and healthful growth. Education is not valuable if it merely furnishes curious questions over which to quibble, but its function is to provide men with a law of life, as means of growth, as means of increased activity and efficiency. Contentment with himself, satisfaction with his condition are the marks of the savage. The progressive man is never at rest, but is restless, aggressive, unsatisfied and is ever pushing outward, onward, forward. With complacency comes stagnation, with contentment comes cessation of endeavor, and with idleness degeneration begins. The graduate who writes a little book and goes strutting over the country selling it is a fool. The production of a little book is not enough, let him go on growing until he becomes able to see the defects of his little book and can write a better one. We have before us as examples of what is possible such men as Banneker, Dumas Aldridge, Crummell, Delany, Payne, Brown and Douglass No men were ever confronted with a graver task than are the Afro-Americans. Here we are, a few millions of poor and ignorant people. scarcely a generation removed from cruel slavery, surrounded by the most fiercely and intensely active civilization of the world. We are citizens of a country where each citizen must deserve his privileges in order to maintain them. Let us face facts, seek realities, and quit us like men. It was with the idea of giving to the thoughtful young people the ripened thought of the most sedate and able men of the race that Tanner started the Review. It was to give him a chance to work out his idea, and retain his services for the race that the church threw her strong arm around this high and worthy enterprise. It started off with every promise of success, but the guiding hand was called to greater tasks and another was placed in his seat. The more thoughtful men of the race are sadly disappointed at the result. The Review that was to have fulfilled so high a mission has decended to seek popular favor and adopted popular ideas as its standard, instead of having contained to be of itself a standard and a creator of new and higher ideals

There are one of two things to do: If the Review is to be merely a popular organ, no special ability is required of its editor and money will be saved by making it a part of the Recorder, but if the church desires to make the Review what it was intended to be, then pick out a man who is specially fitted for the task and send him forth. If in 4 years he has failed, then seek another until the right one is at last found, when he is, keep him there. Let the present editor go on up higher if called for, but let his successor be a man who will attain such success as to render it impossible for any one to cry out, "abandon the Review or hitch it on to the Recorder." These two publications may be alike, but they were not intended to be. The Review should find its way into places and plead our cause before those to whom we cannot yet come in the pleasant relations of social equals. But if we could, through the pages of an artistically gotten up magazine by means of illustrations and well written papers gain entrance to the studies, libraries, and parlors of the cultured and there plead our cause, the time would come when it would be seen that there are some Afro-Americans who do not degrade and lower everything they touch, but who think high, live high and are catching up.

The bishops have decided to recommend that the Review be continued. They will not abandon the hope of giving the word a medium through which to see that which is highest and best in us as a people. Let us help them in their high resolve. If young McClure can make such a great success with his magazine why can't some Afro-Americans, with a great church at his back and the whole wide world eager to hear from the Negro, develope a magazine which will be read, sought after, discussed and felt wherever the English language is spoken?

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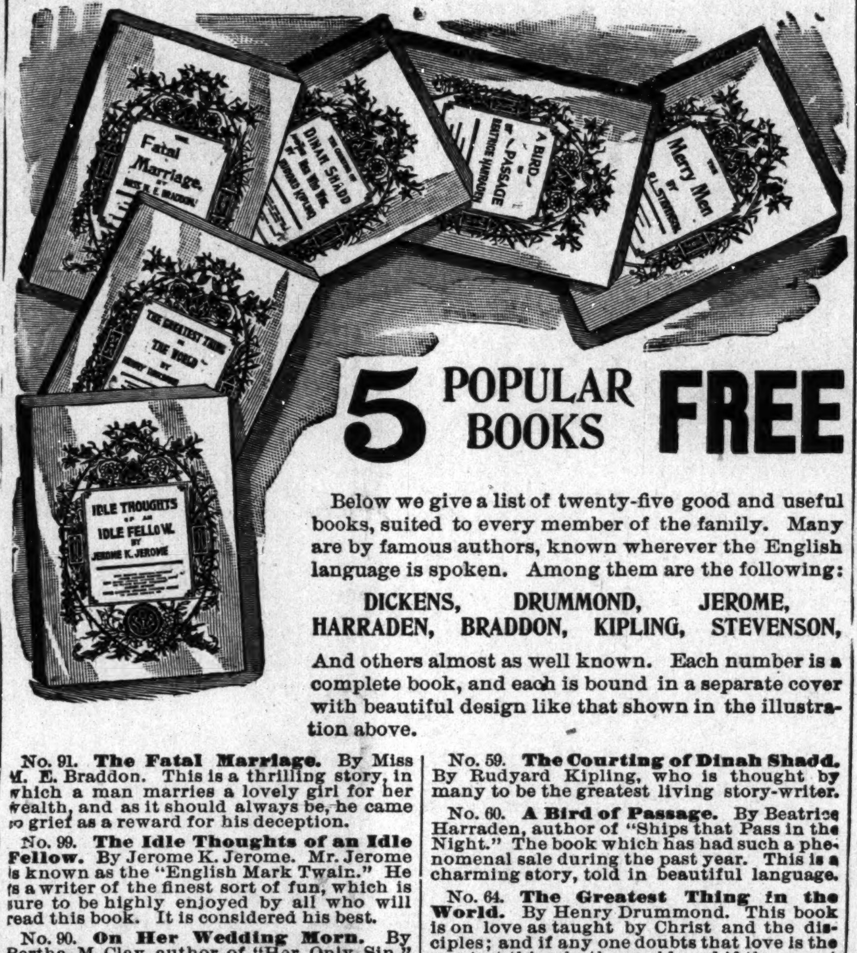

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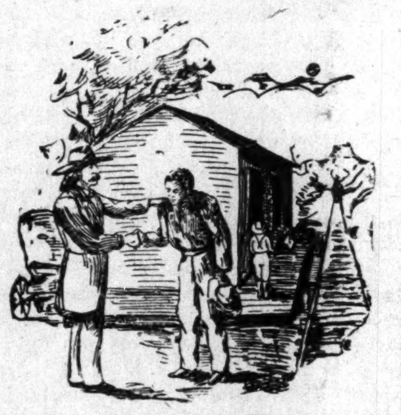

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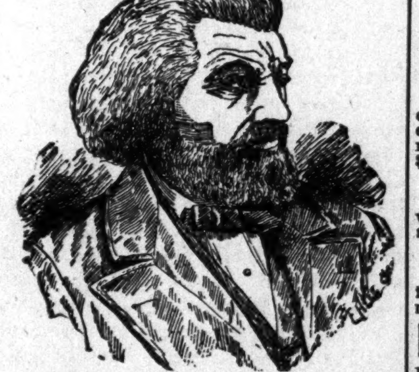

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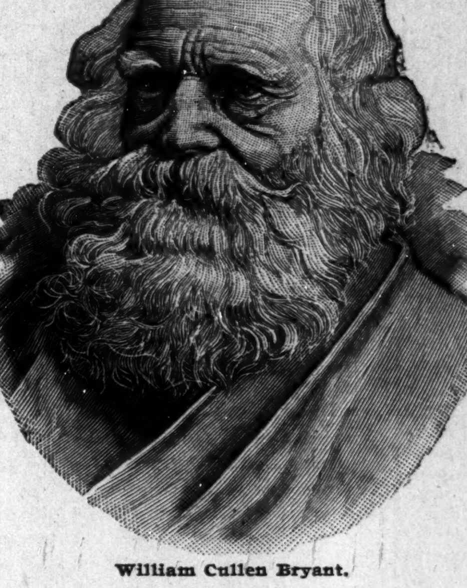

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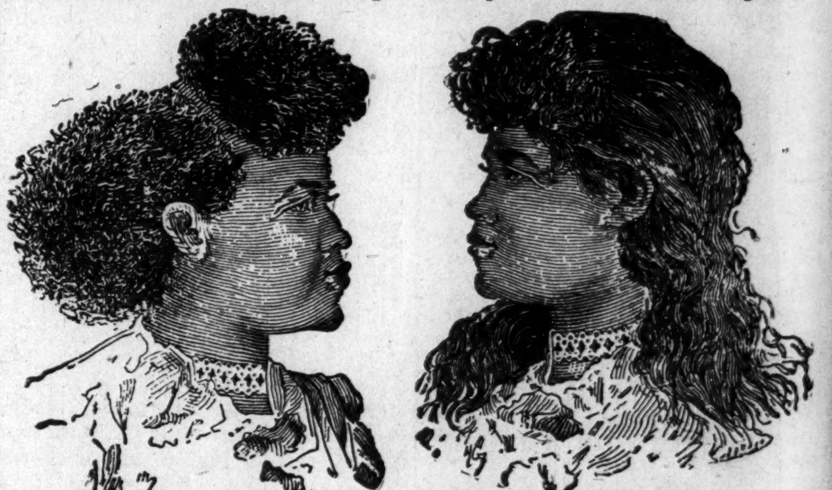

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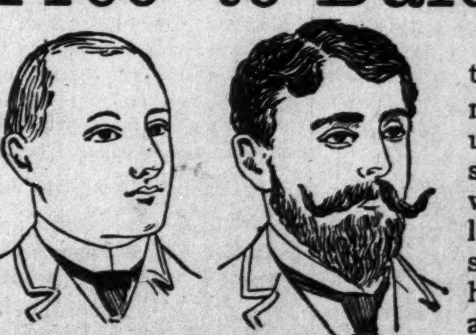

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There are more than two hundred and fifty traveling preachers in the A. M. E. church in Tennessee. The A. M. E. church has existed in the state more than thirty years. A more loyal membership cannot be found any where in this connection. Some of the most beautiful and costly church edifices of the connection are in Tennessee. The sons and daughters of African Methodism have continously furnished their pro rata of funds to the connectionally exchequer. Tennessee has regularly furnished her quota of delegates to the General Conference, yet Tennessee has never given to the church a single general officer or a bishop. It is supposed that the best material is chosen as a delegate to the General Conference. Then we have for a quarter of a century, sent the best material to represent us. The highest honors ever achieved as yet by any one of them is the position of assistant secretary. The correct conclusion is, that Tennessee is either a state of "little men," or of poor politicians. Truly great men or shrewd politicians are the only ones who succeed in attaining high places.

What a man fails to get in consequence of his significance, he may obtain by shrewd and cunning political methods. We have sent some of the same delegates to the General Conference for the last sixteen years. They are worthy men, pious, good, sober—some of them fitted for most any position in the gift of the church, but the above qualifications are all that can be truthfully said of them. However, there are a class of men of a different type coming into the conferences now—men who know how to "press the button" at the right time, and who know what wire to touch in order to manipulate the machine. Hence the old delegation is being quietly, though surely relegated to the rear.

Now a son of Indiana will lead the delegation to the next General Conference from the Tennessee Conference, and he has been in the state less than four years. By way of parenthesis I wish to state that he received my support and vote. He is worthy of the honors he bears, but when the leaders of long year's standing are hitched on to the tail end of the delegation, it does not require a prophet to foresee an approaching reformation. Some one reading this will wink and inquire, "why is not Jones a delegate?" I answer: Jones will never be a delegate till he joins the ring, and Jones will never join the ring. I am not seeking a place in the gift of the church. I have a conscience, I have convictions, and I have the courage of my convictions. I know men who swore before the last conference that they would not support a single presiding elder—a thing I continually frowned down—but they not only voted for them when the time came, but worked for their (presiding elder's) election. Now what are you going to do with a man like that? What is he fit for? Nine-tenths of the brethren know that the ring worked harder to defeat me than they did to secure their own election. But I have digressed. Let us take a view at the last conference session. I started out to discuss "African Methodism in Tennessee." No one need take umbrage who is not culpable.

At the last conference there was not a single presiding elder's report rendered. No one but the presiding elder of the respective districts, in all probability, will ever know about the labors of the men during the year just past, for the conference adjourned without making any provision whatever for printing the minutes. It is hoped, however, that something will yet be done, and that we will not be subjected to such humiliation. Reports concerning our school, did with much difficulty get before the conference, but everything pertaining to the educational interests of the conference were rushed through on rail-road time. It is but fair to state that during this time the bishop himself was not in the chair. The report on Turner Normal school set forth the indebtedness, the dilapidated condition of the buildings, the needs, etc. Reports were rendered both by the president and the board of trustees, but no attention was given the matter. The conference adjourned, having given the institution no more attention as to its future than if it had no existence.

With skillful management, however, the presiding elder of the district has succeeded in inflating it for the present and it may last another session. He should receive credit for doing as well as he has, although he committed an error in managing that the board of trustees should not meet according to the published call. But I will notice this in my next.

African Methodism in Tennessee will be the foot-ball of the connection until a reformation is made. Some of our presiding elders have served out their usefulness in this conference, and should be transferred or put in the stations as pastors. I believe that when the pastor begins to weaken, he ought to be moved. I know the same rule would work with the presiding elder or the bishop either. I am not a candidate for the presiding eldership either. Give me the humble place of the pastor—I ask nothing higher. No man on earth ever gets as near the heart of the people as the acceptable pastor. I do not except bishop, archbishop cardinal or pope. You may put on as much whitewash as you please, but the fact remains that the people are tired of the presiding eldership. It is an office that the people no longer appreciate. I do want to feel that I am giving value received when I get my salary. Let me remain in the ranks of the humble pastor—I am satisfied.

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Chicago has 215 colored policemen.

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Nashville has two Negro fire companies.

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Kansas has six colored men employed as guards at the State penitentiary.

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The Rev. Owen M. Waller, of St. Thomas P. E. Church, Philadelphia, has accepted a call to St. Luke's P. E. Church at Washington, D. C. He has already taken charge.

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Mr. John Postell, son of the wealthy Afro-American merchant of Hopkinsville, has been elected steward of the Western Kentucky Insane Asylum located at Hopkinsville, Ky.

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Elder Lofton, a representative of the new convention, while attempting to organize a church at Weimer, Ala., was shot by unknown parties. He was not fatally wounded.

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Recently Speaker Mudd appointed Wm. F. Sedgwick, of Prince George county, assistant janitor of the State House. Sedgwick is the first of his race to hold an appointive position under the General Assembly of Maryland for thirty years.

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Much commendation is due J. C. Napier, the chief commissioner of the Negro Department of the Tennessee Centennial celebration, who refused to accept the undesirable location set apart for the Negro Building on the exposition grounds. This exhibition of manliness led to the building being given the space which had been selected for the Mineral Building.

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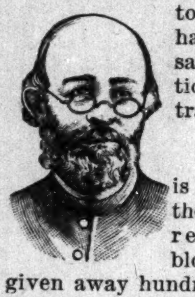

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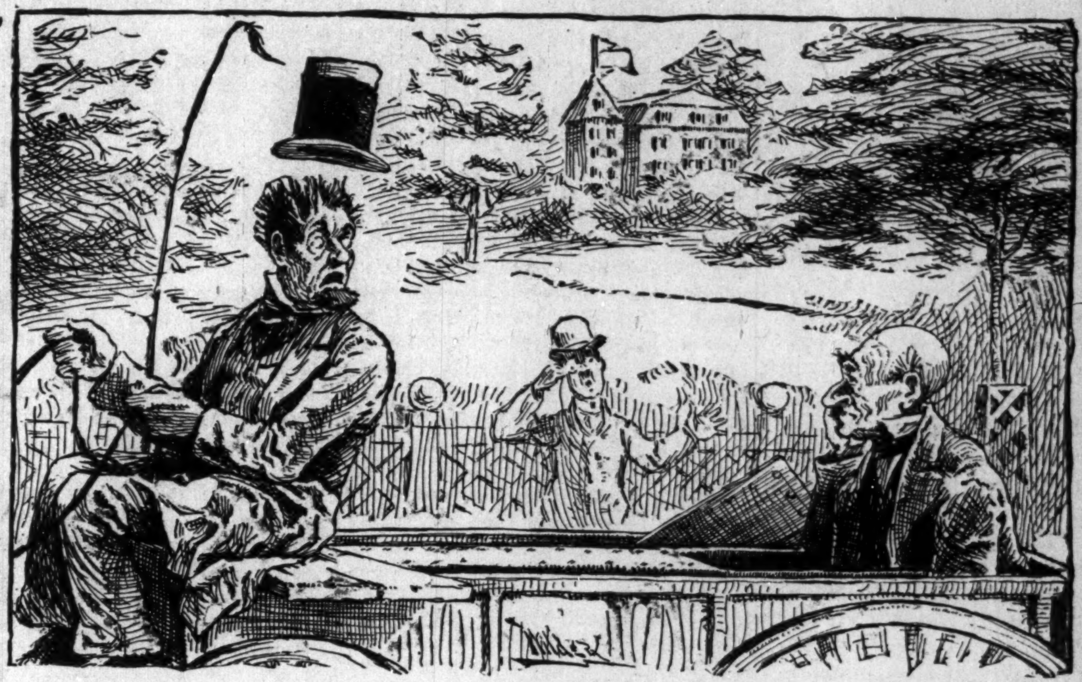
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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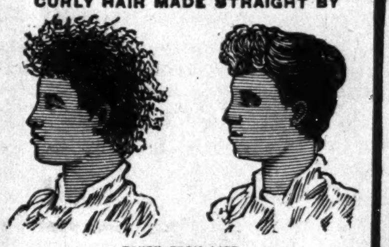

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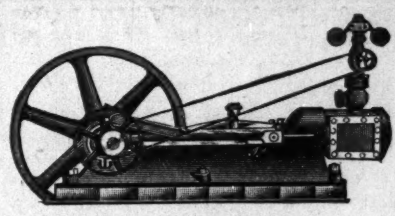

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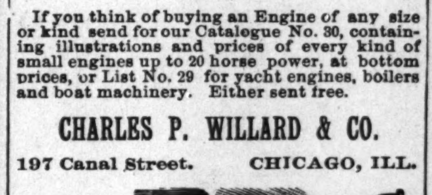

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Willis Bryant, 18 Bismarck street, is indisposed.

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To-morrow is quarterly meeting at Bethel church.

Rev. L. M. Leonard of Galesburgh, Ill., is in the city.

Rev. Stokes of Noblesville, was in the city this week.

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Rev. Price of Nicholasville, Ky., returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Fisher left Tuesday to join her husband in Denver.

Charles Murray, of the southside, is visiting friends in Kansas City.

Miss Gertrude Mahorney of public school No. 24 is on the sick list.

The Night Owl Club held its annual election of officers Tuesday night.

Mrs. Washington of Terre Haute is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jones.

Grant H. Clay, Dentist. 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

Mrs. Mary Finn is lying seriously ill at her residence on West North street.

Miss Marie Owens has accepted a position at Marceau's photograph gallery.

W. H. Jackson of Omaha, Neb., will open a first class bath room in this city.

By special request Elder Murray will preach to-morrow "There is Death in the Pot."

Elder A. Wakefield preached the sacramental sermon at Allen Chapel last Sunday.

Mrs. Cyrus Bazel entertained last Wednesday evening in honor of her niece, Miss O'Hare.

Miss Lillie Lewis, sister of John Lewis, compositor on the World passed away last Thursday.

Rev. J. H. Fisher of Knightstown, is assisting Rev. A. L. Murray in a series of meetings at Allen Chapel.

Mrs. Lida Edwards will entertain a number of her friends at tea at her residence, 231 W. North street.

Mrs. Frank Brown entertained a few friends at tea last Tuesday evening at her home on Bright street,

S. Schofield Furr is trying to arrange a grand concert at the Y. M. C. A. Hall in the near future.

Mrs. Ed. Washington of Silverton, Col., a cousin of Jerry Taylor, returned to her Western home Monday.

Mrs. Mary L. Perry was granted a divorce from Dr. Wm. L, Perry in the Superior Court last Saturday,

The revival meeting closed at New Bethel Baptist church with thirty-one accessions to the congregation.

Mrs. Mary Milhouse, living alone at 212 W. Chesapeake street, was found dead in a chair Monday morning

"Jacob's Wrestle" with illustrations, will be Rev. Harris' theme at Corinthian church to-morrow evening.

Randolph Barbour has accepted the position as traveling salesman for the Cooper Publishing Company of Ohio.

Rev. J. M. Morton of Antioch Baptist church, baptized a number of converts at the canal on W. Third street, on last Sabbath morning.

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The Rev. Dr. Rondthaler, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, will preach at the Ninth Presbyterian church to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Woodward Stewart of Noblesville attended the commencement here last week, and after spending several days with friends returned home Tuesdap evening.

Instead of reading the account of the downfall of two well known men of this city, read that brilliant article, "American Citizenship," on front page of this issue.

Bethel Mite Lyceum discussed the question, "Resolved, That the Colored Press does not properly represent the interests of the Negro," at their meeting last Thursday.

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"Before the cock crows thou shalt deny me thrice," seems applicable to a little episode that created much consternation in social circles last Saturday. Before action was scarcely taken by the higher courts, the Herculean Club of which the accused young man was its honored president, till Monday night, hurriedly made a public statement through the daily papers that said young man was no longer connected with the club. A cynical smile flits across our placid features as we meditate on these grave charges and the action taken by this body of young and intelligent men. It seems an undeniable fact that the young man is guilty, and it is also a fact that in order to maintain the good name of the club, it could not possibly retain him as its president, which is all very logical, but could they not have dispensed with his service in a milder way? Why all this criticism from his once bosom friends? Why add insult to an irreparable injury? Were it only a personal matter, it could be better tolerated, but such is not the case—it is a reflection on the race. An indelible blot is now on this young man's name, which time can scarcely efface. We bow our head and droop our wings with wounded pride.

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### Literary Organized.

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### Benton, Texas News.

Benton, Texas, Special.

The energetic and manly agent, Grant S. Neal, was in our town, but owing to the rain took only a few subscribers. Many regret not having seen him. Rev. T. C. Derham D. D. presiding elder of the A. M. E. church, held his first quarterly conference for this conference year at Salado, on the 25th and 26th. Sunday at eleven o'clock the elder preached a soul stirring sermon after which the Sacrament was administered to several. Collection $16. The pastor, J. R. Melontree A. B., is an active young man. Rev. T. S. McMarris, pastor of the A. M. E. church Belton, is getting along nicely. Prof. T. B. Haaris and his good wife are among the valiant leaders of the church. Rumor has it that Miss Laura Crawford will soon cease to live alone. The surprise party tendered Rev. McMarris, was led by Mrs. Lizzie Thompson. The out burst of music was so sudden the Rev's. wife partially fainted but on the opening of the baskets laden with all kinds of good things, she speedly recovered. Success to the leader.

Misses Hattie Barten and Susan Davis attended the social last Friday night. Rev. McMarris and M. P. McGee must do better shooting next time they go hunting. Rev J. R Melontree A. B., is convalescent. The literary society gave the public a treat Thursday night. Politics is coming to the front in Belton. McGee is delagate to the district convention, which meets in Temple, Tex. The Freeman is read with pleasure in every household. Success to The Freeman.

### Current Events.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

The wedding bells will soon ring again. This time it will be one of our M. D's. and a fair Texas girl. J. D. Muse left for Chicago, after paying his father a short visit. Prof. A. D. Home of the Twenty-first street city school is in the right place. Collins and Jordan are coming to the front. They are carrying a large stock of gents' furnishing goods. See S. W. and get your cut in The Freeman. This is the year for you to be known. On the 20th Bishop Nind of the M. E. church delivered an able address. The Rev. Bishop was in Japan during the war with China. Fred Williams is still on the sick list. Prof. Stewart helps the services at Bethel church with his cornet. Rev. I. P. Daniels was ordained priest on the 25th by Bishop Pierce of the Episcopal church. Mr. Washington was elected president of the young peoples' meeting at the First Baptist. We made a visit to Philander Smith College and found Dr. Mason and teachers very busy. The work turned out in the printing department by the students is a credit to the race. Prof. Knox holds the rein at the Baptist College. Rev. C. P. Jones is conducting a revival at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Weathers celebrated their 25th marriage anniversary Feb. 6th. Morris and Glasco are doing a big business. We need more men like them.

### Leap Year Entertainment.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Mary Burns entertained the young ladies and gents at the residence of her father on the 4th. Misses Irene McKinney and Mary Burkeen spent a few hours with us on the 1st. Misses Mary, Lula and Nannie Floyd attended the funeral of Mollie Tucker. Night school will commence at the Phillis Academy, by Miss Lillian Anderson on the 31st. The Deacon's meeting at the Mt. Zion Baptist church was very interesting. They were against secret orders, and it was voted out as being wrong Revs. W. Cannon and T. J. Story were in city. Rev. Henry Fishback, of Marshal, was in town. We were well entertained at the Y. M. C. A., on the 2d, subject, "Christian Duty," presented by Prof. J. C. McAdams. Rev. H. E. Harris and J. C. Richmond, Mrs. T. T. Ransom and Misses L. Anderson, Trail and many others took part. Miss Stubbs, of Wartrace is on a visit to our city. Dr. Turner has just returned from the bedside of his father, who is very ill. He sewed up little Willie Nusam's hand, who fell and cut it nearly off. D. A. Wilson has purchased several more acres of land near his home. Jemes Gilliland is building a new kitchen. The grand Leap Year and Valentine entertainment on or near Bishop Allen's day, gotten up by P. W. Patterson, R. G. Donnell, R. L. Whitesides, Mrs. A. R. Winters, Rev. Jas. H. Turner and others, bids fair to be a success. Chas. Barnes is very ill. Rev. F. M. Stamps is in the city. Misses Maggie Davis and Polly Traxler were in the city visiting on the 31st. The Mozart society is well attended. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

### A Worthy Enterprise Helped.

Boston, Mass., Special.

Rev. M. M. Ponton, formerly of this city, and a graduate of the Theological Department of Boston University, who is now connected with the Shorter Institute, Arkansas, is here soliciting aid for that institution. Mr. Ponton is a man of ability and an earnest worker for the elevation of his race, and we wish him the success which his cause merits. He has a keen sense of appreciation toward those who show him attention or aid him in his work. The writer had the pleasure of meeting him on his way from the State House where, through the kindness of Representative W. L. Reed, he listened to the debates in the House for a time, and was introduced to the Governor, who received him in his usual courteous manner, highly approved of his cause, and contributed liberally thereto, as also did the Lieutenant Governor and Representative Reed, during a visit to Eureka Lodge, F. A. M. of Boston, Mr. Ponton was highly entertained and received substantial aid from many of the members, for which he seems very grateful. He is enthusiastic over his work and is bound to succeed.

### Young Peoples' Union.

Minneola, Tex., Special.

Jas. J. Holmes of Washington, D. C., is in our town in the interest of the Colored American. We wish him success. Miss Minnie Meadows is one of our energetic young ladies, also a leader of society. The Young Peoples' Union is doing remarkable well with some of our prominent young professors at the head of it. We wish the Union much success and want to see them meet punctually. Much success to Prof. Veasy for his assistance. Lang Anderson, the agent for The Freeman is having quite a success. The Freeman can be had from the agent every Saturday. Our Sunday school is doing fine. Minneola is coming and will soon be up to date. Miss Carrie Sension the chorister of our union is one of our prominent young ladies. Profs. Jones and J. Veasy and Miss Ida Jones took a trip to Quitman to the teacher's institute. They were royally received by Prof. Ben Clark. The institute adjourned to meet in Minneola on or about the third Friday or Saturday in February. Much success to our country teachers this year. Sandy Anderson, agent.

### Personals.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.

Mr. J. Harper has gone to Buffalo to join his brother, E. W. Harper. Mrs. Harper has gone to visit her sister, Mrs. Smith, in Cleveland, Ohio.

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